



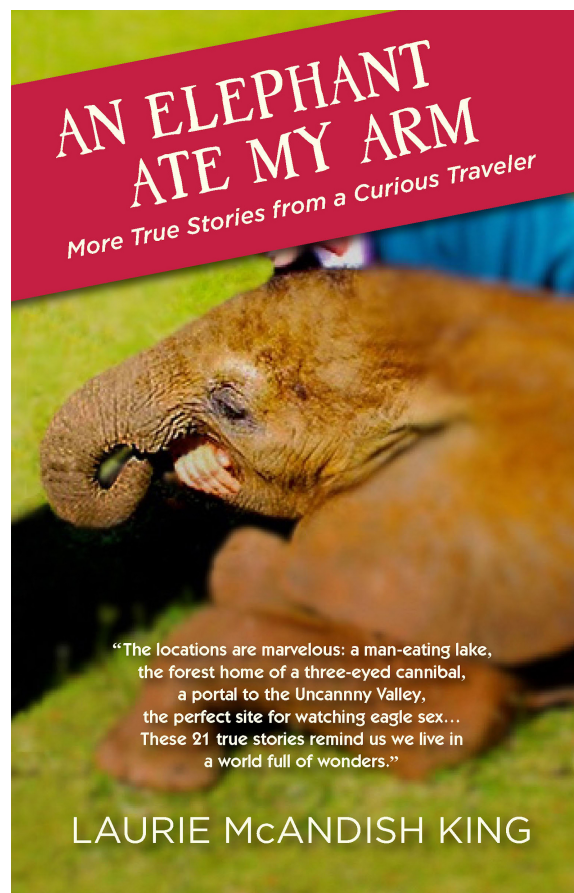
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More True Stories from a Curious Traveler*

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Advance Praise for *An Elephant Ate My Arm*

“Delightful and insightful travel tales that combine a love of nature with **astute observations about the human condition**. Bonus: Provocative discussion questions that make this a **perfect read for book clubs!**”

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“Halfway through *An Elephant Ate My Arm*, King describes her own method: “I had a nose for weirdness.” Indeed, King finds **weirdness and wonderfulness** all over the world, and she describes both with **verve and humor**. But something else is at play here: **a willingness to explore** not just the outer world, but the inner one, too. To this personal journey she brings understated grace.”

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“With X-ray vision, King perceives the **real treasure everywhere** she sets foot, whether in Zimbabwe with a baby elephant (who swallows half her arm), pondering shrunken heads in Oxford, England, getting acquainted with the Fat Ladies of Malta, or in an antique mechanical museum in San Francisco. Her **stories excite** the armchair traveler as much as the adventure enthusiast.”

—Camille Cusumano, Author of *Tango, an Argentine Love Story*

About the Author



Laurie McAndish King grew up in rural Iowa, studied philosophy and biology at Cornell College, and has traveled to forty countries. She observes with an eye for natural science and writes with a philosopher’s heart and mind. King’s award-winning essays and photography have appeared in *Smithsonian* magazine, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Best Women’s Travel Writing*, *The Sun* literary journal, and other magazines, newspapers and literary anthologies. Her writing earned a Lowell Thomas Gold Award, travel writing’s most prestigious honor. King’s first collection of travel stories, *Lost, Kidnapped, Eaten Alive! True Stories from a Curious Traveler*, was published in 2014; her second collection, *Your Crocodile has Arrived: More True Stories from a Curious Traveler*, followed in 2017. King has a master’s degree in education and way more experience than was really necessary in an advertising agency.

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An Elephant Ate My Arm: More True Stories from a Curious Traveler

An entertaining and illuminating look at some of the world's quirkiest places, creatures, and activities.

These twenty-one true stories remind us we live in a world filled with wonders. King writes with insight, wit and unquenchable curiosity, transporting readers to marvelous, faraway places in this collection of adventures, including visits to:

- A man-eating lake on a Caribbean island
- The forest home of a three-eyed cannibal
- The world's very first labyrinth
- A portal—in the heart of San Francisco—to the Uncanny Valley
- The perfect site for watching eagle sex
- And many more ...

Even better, the author's interactions with local people raise all kinds of interesting questions—about free will, domestication, compressing time, body image, extinction, *memento mori*, and rewriting history, for starters.

For anyone longing to get back out into the world, these stories are almost as good as a plane ticket! They bring you the very best of travel: steeping in the terroir of new places; connecting more deeply with people, food and wildlife; and expanding our well of human understanding.

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