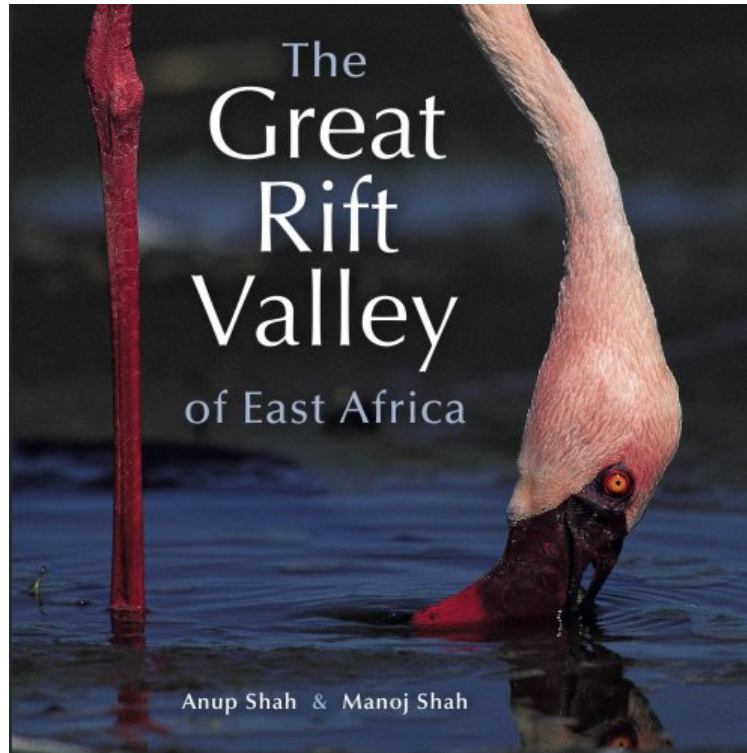


The Great Rift Valley of East Africa

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Anup Manoj Shah : The Great Rift Valley of East Africa before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Great Rift Valley of East Africa:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Inspirational and Captivating By Discerning Reader As you are driving along, you suddenly come to the top of an escarpment and you are stunned: the sheer beauty of the escarpment and the lake lying within it, under a bright sun seems to be out of this world. All my memories of the beautiful views of the rift valley in East Africa started flooding back to me as I turned over the pages of the fabulous The Great Rift valley of East Africa, by Anup Shah and Manoj Shah. What prompted me to look at the book now is the fact that the BBC is broadcasting a series of...programmes about the Rift Valley. With the stunning photographs taken by the world renowned photographers, The Great Rift valley of East Africa could be just a coffee table book, a wonderful gift for your family and friends. But for the discerning reader, the book has a lot more to offer. As the author says in the Forward to the book, as children they had gravely underestimated the treasures locked in the great valley. As the reader goes through the book, the words of the author bring the book alive. The book brings together not just the natural physical beauty of the rift valley, but the astonishing variety of wild life, from the gorillas in the Virunga forest, to the amazing variety of species in the Ngorongoro Crater, to the Ethiopian Wolf - the only wolf in Africa - to the beautiful and elegant flamingos. While reminding us about our origins, it also looks at the interaction between nature and the lives and futures of the people like the Hadzabe who live in the region of Lake Eyasi. What are the issues that we face with regard to conservation, traditional life styles of people and conflict with progress? A parent

might find the book a good starting off point to discuss these with the children. The book is very recent- it was only published in 2008 and has thus features that are very pertinent to us in the world today. As a traveller you will enjoy having the book with you as you explore the beauty and wild life of east Africa. As someone who wants to know who we are , the book introduces us to the cradle of civilization. At the price quoted, the book is excellent value. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Rift ... Great Photography By Don Shay Another fine collection of wildlife photography by Anup and Manoj Shah. The Great Rift Valley, which slashes through 4,000 miles of East African wilderness, is an eclectic tapestry of highland plateaus, active and dormant volcanoes, caustic soda lakes, vast grassy plains and lush rainforests. The brothers Shah highlight each of these distinctive regions with informative text accompanied by evocative photographs that capture both the environments and their well-adapted denizens. Of particular interest is a section on the seldom-photographed Ethiopian wolves, Africa's only wolf and its most endangered canid. Other sections examine the millions of flamingos that thrive in the region's inhospitable soda lakes, the iconic predators and prey of the Serengeti ecosystem, the critically endangered mountain gorillas of the Virunga volcanoes, and the almost-human chimpanzees of Gombe and Mahale. As in their other books, the Shahs go beyond mere animal portraiture with wildlife images that inform and intrigue via candid depictions of natural behaviors. For those with interests beyond wildlife, the book also offers an overview of early man's emergence on the plains of East Africa, and concludes with a flash-forward to the Hadzabe tribespeople of today, who tenuously cling to nomadic hunter-gatherer traditions essentially unchanged since their prehistoric forebears walked the earth. Don Shay, author of *Endangered Liaisons*

The Great Rift Valley of Africa, formed by violent geological events of the past, is so prominent a cleft down the eastern side of the continent that it can be seen even from the moon. A series of beautiful photographs reveals the valleys many ecological niches evolutionary hotspots where diverse life forms have arisen and flourished. The book showcases the fauna of the region: the only wolves of Africa in the Ethiopian Highlands; the flamingos of the soda lakes, adapted to survive in one of the most inhospitable environments on Earth; the diverse wildlife of the Ngorongoro crater, and the epic migrations across the Serengeti plains; the gorillas on the forested slopes of the Virunga volcanoes; and our closest relatives, the chimpanzees on the shores of Lake Tanganyika. The text and images reveal traces of our own human origins in the rich palaeontological discoveries of hominid remains, and celebrate the way of life of the Hadzabe people of Lake Eyasi. The authors sound a warning note on the potential impact of humans on these formerly pristine areas and the extraordinary legacy of natural diversity that could be lost. The vast and awe-inspiring landscapes of the Great Rift Valley are the backdrop to this fascinating exploration of the cradle of life.

About the Author Wildlife photographers Anup and Manoj Shah were born in Kenya, East Africa, where they could watch wild animals in their natural environment in the nearby Nairobi National Park. Their photographs have featured in exhibitions across Europe and America, and in many prestigious publications, including BBC Wildlife and National Geographic. They have published several wildlife books and won multiple photographic awards, including in Nature's Best International Photography competition, and the prestigious BBC/BG Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition.