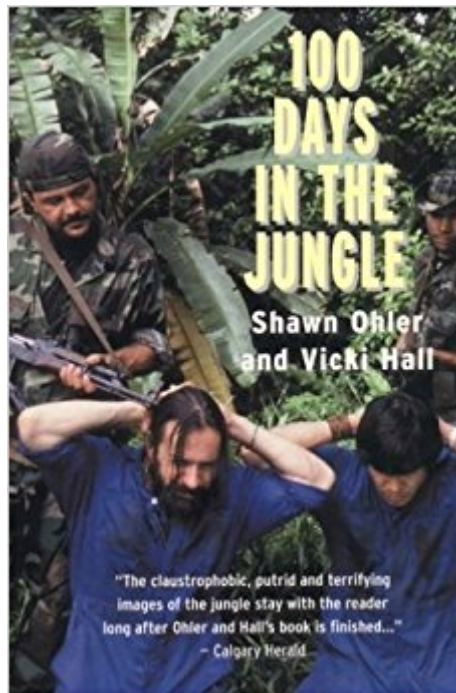




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Synopsis

A grueling story of hostage-taking. In Ecuador, on September 11, 1999, eight oil workers -- seven Canadians and one American -- on a routine repair mission for United Pipeline Systems were taken hostage by fifteen armed guerrillas. At gunpoint, the hostages were marched through the dense, snake-infested jungle. Constantly on the move, they fought hunger, sickness, hopelessness, and despair as death loomed. One hundred days later the hostages finally emerged from the bush, emaciated and feverish. This book includes an epilogue that tracks the fate of the workers to the present day. 100 Days in the Jungle tells a story beyond the newspaper headlines and into the heart of the jungle.

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"A rare and harrowing look into the world of Latin American terrorist groups...." -- Isabel Vincent, National Post's Editor-at-Large, and former Latin American Bureau Chief for The Globe and Mail

Shawn Ohler is a freelance journalist. Vicki Hall is a reporter and covered this story from day one when the men were kidnapped.

Amazing story of survival and endurance. I personally know one of the survivors, Barnz, and he is a one of a kind - heart of Gold man. Hard to believe he has triumphed and overcome such a terrifying ordeal.

I do not doubt that the individuals characterized in this book had a harrowing and dangerous experience, but the accuracy of their adventure is brought into question by the obvious inaccuracies of their description of life in Ecuador. I found their description of the airport almost laughable. Airport Security Guards beating poor destitute locals with a stick!! I have lived in Quito for the last 5 years and have traveled through the airport many many times and have NEVER seen anything like what was described. I have also worked in the area they were captured. I agree that a certain danger exists in this area and one needs to be very careful. However, I have a hard time believing everything else when I found so many obviously incorrect details. I think that the narrative would have been just as good and even more interesting had there not been inserted all the incorrect details to supposedly make the story more interesting. There are enough interesting stories here in Ecuador without all the literary license. Reader: Please take with a grain of salt all the violence and "aggressively" poor people. I sincerely hope that the rest of the book's narrative of the 100 days in the jungle is much more accurate than their description of Quito. Despite all of this I found the book interesting and recommend it.

The airport at Quito is not that wild...does it need some order, yes? Are people getting hit by police? NO! That is absurd. I find the story intriguing, but craziness like the airport story, locals not telling the police about guerrillas, and the mere fact that the Spanish used in the book is atrocious. Vamos means "Let's (we) go." Not "Vamoose" like Yosemite Sam. Also, Joto is called Hoto many times...where was the editor? There are other ridiculous translations and misuse of Spanish. It did not seem to be intentional because when the oil workers used their Spanish it fit the situation...the other misuses did not fit. If you want to read a kidnapping tale...read this. If you want to read about the real Ecuador...go to another source.

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