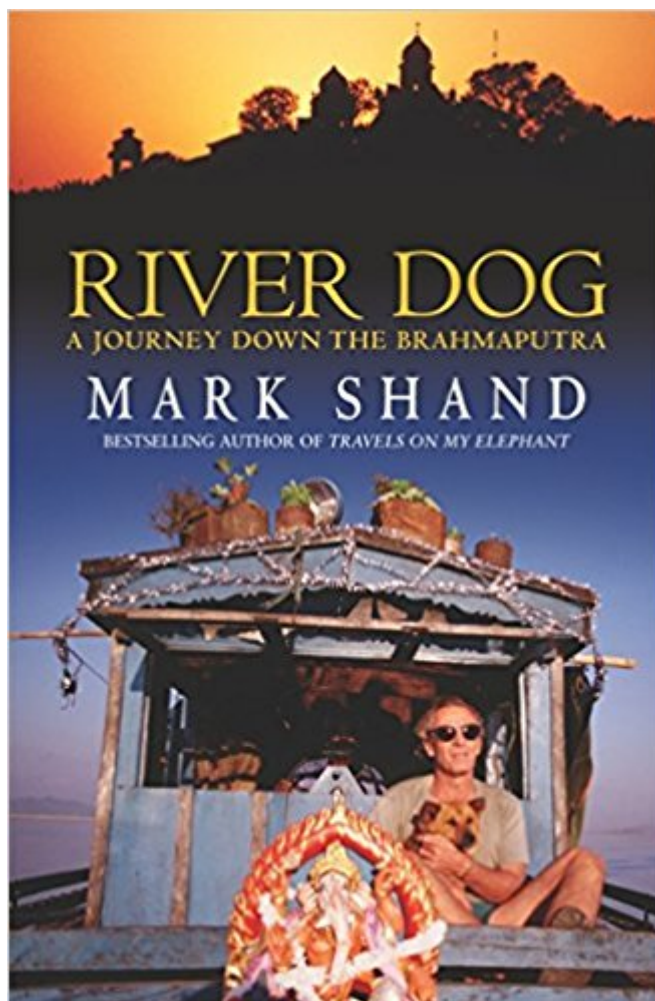


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# River Dog: A Journey Along The Brahmaputra



## Synopsis

The Brahmaputra is one of the world's great rivers. Beginning as a tiny glacial stream in Western Tibet it flows through India and Bangladesh before gushing out into the Bay of Bengal. Unable to reach the northern part of the river due to Chinese intransigence, Mark Shand nonetheless set out to attempt what no foreigner had ever done: complete the huge journey from the unexplored jungles of the Indo-Tibet border to the largest river delta in the world. "River Dog" is a chronicle of that journey, a story encompassing sublime landscapes - in Assam where the River begins to broaden into its full majesty - and rather odd encounters - including a bizarre group of identical-looking gay monks in Majuli (the largest river island in the world). But it is also a celebration - of a river that flows with mystery and legend, the men who have set out to discover it and a rather charming canine travelling companion called Bhaiti.

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## Customer Reviews

Mark Shand has worked at Sotheby's and as a jackaroo in Australia, has completed the London-Sydney motor-race and been shipwrecked in the South Pacific. In 1991 he received the accolade Travel Writer of the Year at the British Book Awards for TRAVELS ON MY ELEPHANT.

Amazing book! Most enjoyable reading. We read it as a library borrowing and loved it so much that we wanted to own a copy. We looked everywhere and were so thrilled to find used copies in great condition in . It took a little longer than we expected but it was well worth the wait.

A lively, often funny, account of trying to traverse a great Asian river. Well written, and a fast read.

Delightful. Going to an English friend with whom I have traveled around SE Asia and India.

I did enjoy reading most of this, but found the river a lot less interesting than the dogs featured in the book. I liked the descriptions of the different areas on countries he visited, and the commentary on the political situation/history there. What I didn't like was that some sections seem to talk too much about the difficulty making travel arrangements, which although relevant was pretty dull. You knew all along that he would abandon the dog at the end, but he seemed to find the separation more difficult than the dog did!

only about half the book was based on the journey down the river - I guess there was not so much to see from the side of the boat? the travel arrangements took up too much of this book, so while it was well researched and interesting much of the book was slow going - the dog (or dogs) are more exciting than the author!

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