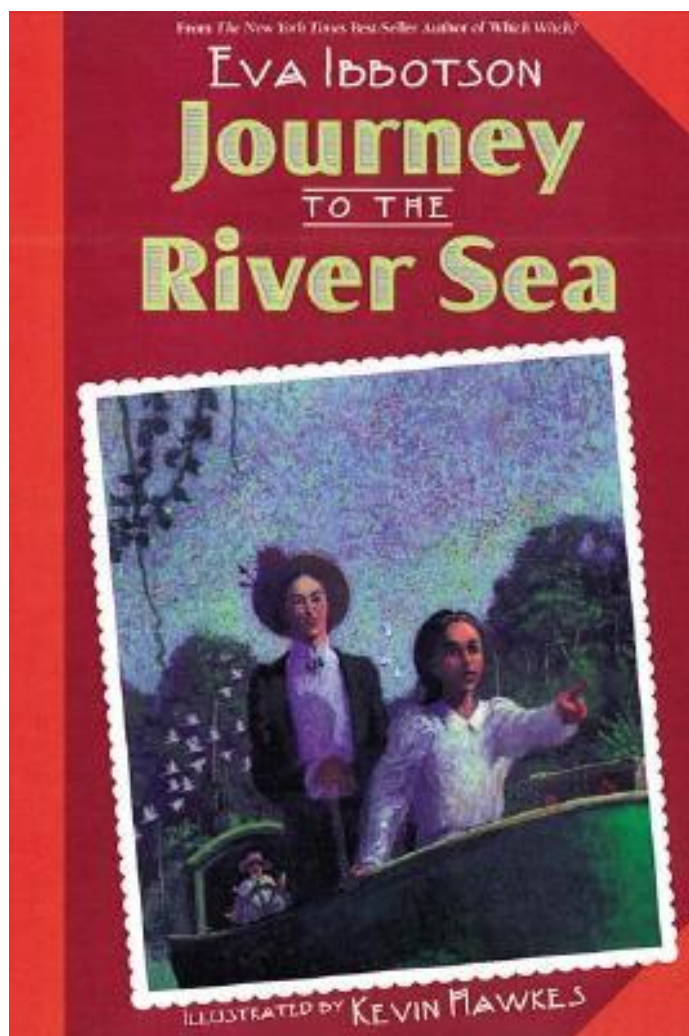


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**Eva Ibbotson**

**Journey to the River Sea**



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## Description

Sent in 1910 to live with distant relatives who own a rubber plantation along the Amazon River, English orphan Maia is excited. She believes she is in for brightly colored macaws, enormous butterflies, and "curtains of sweetly scented orchids trailing from the trees." Her British classmates warn her of man-eating alligators and wild, murderous Indians. Unfortunately, no one cautions Maia about her nasty, xenophobic cousins, who douse the house in bug spray and forbid her from venturing beyond their coiffed compound. Maia, however, is resourceful enough to find herself smack in the middle of more excitement than she ever imagined, from a mysterious "Indian" with an inheritance, to an itinerant actor dreading his impending adolescence, to a remarkable journey down the Amazon in search of the legendary giant sloth.

## Insightful reviews

Cecilia: This book is about a girl who usually goes to this orphanage but one day they find her parents who live close to the river sea. So one day she travels all the way to the River Sea. She thinks that they will be a very nice family but it doesn't really turn out that way. There are lots of problems that she faces while living with this family in the middle of the forest. There are two daughters that live there who are very neat and have all these classes and don't like anything that could get them dirty.

I did not really like this book because i found it pretty boring, not much was happening in the book so after reading for a while and when you were in the middle of the book you just didn't want to read the book anymore.

This book reminds me about a movie that i saw a long time ago and its about a girl who moves from one place to another and then the family is very mean to her.

Karin: I felt drawn into the story, rooting for Maia. She is a courageous heroine who tries to make the best of 2 very bad situations. The first, the loss of her parents brings her to a boarding school. This is when we are introduced to her. Then her guardian writes to let her know that she has distant relatives in South America who are willing to take her in. She decides, after a reflective evening spent in the library, that the Amazon might be a great new adventure. She befriends a young actor on the boat to Brazil, and finds friends quickly in her new city. The only ones who are not friendly to her are her 2 twin cousins and their parents. Police inspectors, a runaway heir and a fire are all part of her adventure.

While it is a teen book, i found some interesting points to ponder therein: the role of a parent is to protect and guide a child, so when does a parent let go and let the child persue their dreams? At 12? at 18? ever? Must you do 'what is expected of you' or can you create and follow your own path to happiness?

Namratha: *"Those who think of the Amazon as a Green Hell bring only their own fears and prejudices to this amazing land. For whether a place is a hell or a heaven rests in yourself, and those who go with courage and an open mind may find themselves in Paradise"*

~ Journey To the River Sea

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This is the kind of book that demands an 'atmosphere'.....a stack of sandwiches, a tall cold glass of lemonade ;topped at regular intervals...a wooden Easy-Chair (*the kind your grandpa sat on and smiled genially from*) placed in a small, airy room that has a single antiquated table-fan whirring noisily...and a wide window from where you can hear the gentle crackle of crickets.

**Maia** has lost her parents in a tragic accident and the only existing relatives appear to be the owners of a rubber plantation along the mighty Amazon. Quelling her initial fears of cannibalistic animal life and hostile Indians...Maia who is an optimistic young girl is soon ready to embark on the journey. She is accompanied by seemingly stern governess **Miss.Minton** and a fanciful imagination where her foster family will welcome her with open arms.

Well after that build-up, it's obvious that Maia is in for a rude shock. Mr. Carter, his insecticide loving wife and the terrible twins seem to be straight out of a nightmare. Maia is barred from venturing beyond the clinical grounds of the Carter house. Sullen Indians.....the constant smell of Lysol in the house.....bland food that quivers/ melts and the nastiness of the Carter family ...all combine to crush Maia's grand hopes.

But then Maia meets **Finn**, a wild boy in a canoe.....a boy who's wrapped in mystery and adventure and who will soon take Maia on an unforgettable trip into the fantastic and magical rainforest.

A book that is almost lyrically beautiful....'Journey To The River Sea' is choc-a-bloc with exotic plants and animals and ably supported by well-etched characters. Eva Ibbotson had apparently written this book in honour of her late husband who was a naturalist. And she makes a fitting tribute. It isn't an exaggeration to say that you can effortlessly picture the rainforest in all it's wild, damp greenery as it unfolds with each chapter.

And a simple lesson at the end of the day...a place is what you make of it. Heaven or Hell...it's all about shedding your prejudices and seizing the day.

Ellinor: trip to the River Sea is simply the type of booklet I enjoyed analyzing as a child. it truly is set within the overdue nineteenth century (I've continually loved these books greater than those set in additional contemporary times) and is an event tale with robust girl characters and clever kids. Maia has misplaced either her mom and dad in an accident. She lives in a boarding tuition in London till her father or mother unearths far-off kinfolk who're prepared to permit her reside with them. Maia is especially excited to have a brand new kin back with twins her age and particularly as the family, the Carters, resides in Brazil, at the Amazon river (also known as the river sea). despatched to Brazil along with her is pass over Minton, who will paintings as governess for the twins and Maia. omit Minton seems to be very strict first and foremost sight yet quickly becomes Maia's friend, specially whilst the family members seems to be really varied from what Maia imagined it to be: the Carters in simple terms wish Maia's funds and are not attracted to her otherwise. additionally they do not get pleasure from dwelling at the Amazon and think the entire Indians to be savages. Maia nonetheless makes acquaintances with the

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local humans and shortly reviews many adventures...The tale is instructed in a truly suspenseful from a number of diverse perspectives. after all many stuff are foreseeable yet that does not make the tale any much less lovely. trip to River Sea is a short learn i might suggest to everyone.

Jean: trip to the River Sea is an excellent publication – I loved each page. Maia is an orphan, satisfied on the institution the place she is yet eager for a family; she gets information that she is to affix a few far away family in Brazil - a kinfolk with dual girls. She bounces with enthusiasm approximately this new kingdom and the chance of latest friends; whilst she arrives, issues aren't as she expected. She is met with hostility and cruelty. Her plans to find all of the newness of her new domestic appear thwarted firstly yet Maia starts to discover how you can make new pals and discover her new surroundings. She has plenty of intriguing adventures and justice is served within the end! It's a truly wonderful booklet and likewise a humorous book; following the travels of Minty's corset alongside the best way was once very amusing. I'd suggest this at Key degree 2 as analyzing for excitement and in addition for discussing friendship, adjusting to new situations and being open to new reviews and adventures.

James Minter: even supposing a kids story, Eva's writing has entice the older reader. a narrative of clash and fight among doing what's anticipated and what your center wishes set within the Amazonian jungle within the early twentieth century.

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