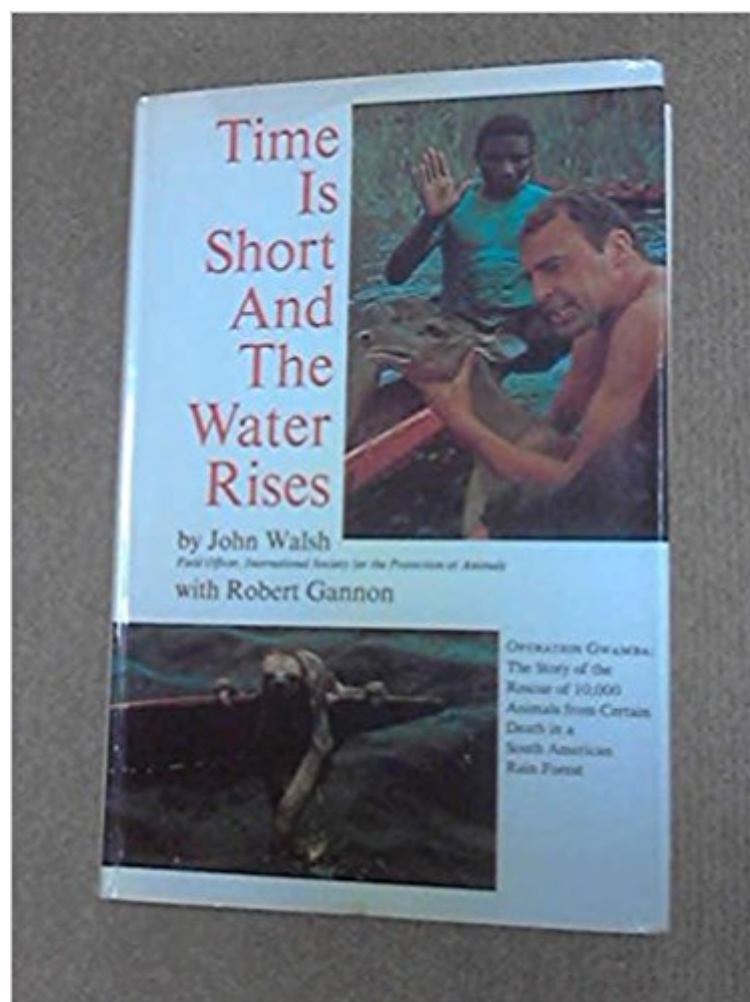


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An entertaining read that reminds me of the style of the Jacques Cousteau books of the same time period. the author makes no pretences to have extensive knowledge of Suriname and writes to what he knows (zoology). He's no armchair anthropologist. I found this refreshing since most books on Suriname only address cultural aspects. If you're planning a first trip to Suriname there are probably better resources of information, but if you are interested in the premise alone, or have been to the big lake at Afobaka this is a great book.

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