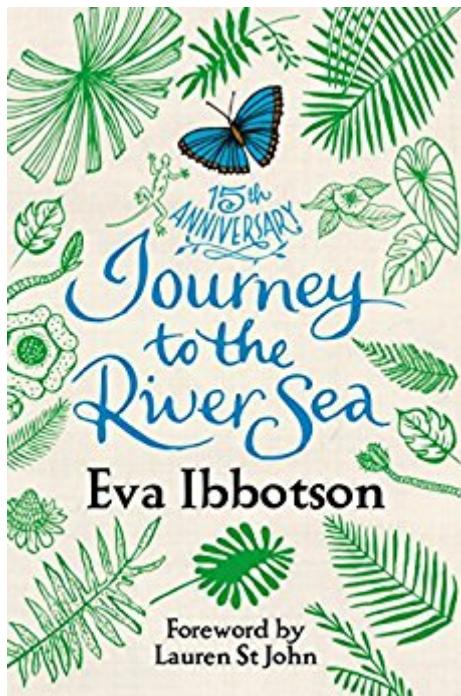


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# Journey To The River Sea



## **Synopsis**

It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at thirteen, has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the . She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess who has secret reasons of her own for making the journey. Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences in Journey to the River Sea, Eva Ibbotson's highly colourful, joyous adventure.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Not just a book for girls. I first purchased the book on tape for a road trip several years ago. My 13 year old daughter read the book a year later. I purchased it again for my youngest son (12 at the time) to read after an assignment on the . He finished it in one day he loved it that much! My 15 year old son was curious and read it the next day. What a mystery! What an adventure! I'm sure I will purchase it again to give as a gift in the future.

This book was recommended to me by my 8year old granddaughter who is reading in the international school in Japan.I just loved it and I couldn't put it down. I am 68 years young and thanked my granddaughter for asking me to read this book.

My kids and I loved this story. It represents the time period it is written in well, with a governess, sailing ship, mysterious relatives, children of different backgrounds brought together and a good dose of adventure. We looked up several of the animals mentioned in the book on the internet, learning about the River Sea, a nickname for the . You get a feel for many aspects of life in the past while enjoying adventurous twists and turns throughout the entire book. My favorite by far of Eva Ibbotson's books.

I really enjoyed this book. It's quite young and unrealistic, but it's the type of book I would like my hypothetical children to read one day. It teaches you to dream big, to not be scared of new things, that reading essential and that there are good people in the world, but also that the bad ones can be very bad and can't always be changed. The fact that I was in the last year and experienced a lot of what is in the book also helped.

I love the characters even the vile ones. The story is a great adventure story for children & adults. There are wonderful descriptions of the people, wildlife & vegetation of the . I will read this one again!

Gave it as a gift

We were searching for books about the when we came upon Journey to the River Sea. I'd never heard of Eva Ibbotson and was a bit skeptical. However, we were all extremely engrossed in this story from beginning to end! It is extremely well-written and does provide a great description of the --the flora, fauna, climate, and people. The characters are so real, you find yourself on a roller coaster of emotions. Some are so likable; others so NOT! This is just a fun book to read; plus you learn a little along the way. In fact, we bought it here after checking it out from the library two or three times. We just had to own it!

Eva Ibbotson's stories are full of hope and adventure. Her characters are believable and enduring and she portrays them eager and stoic amid crisis. I think Ms Ibbotson needs to be rediscovered

and brought to the forefront of young adult literature.

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