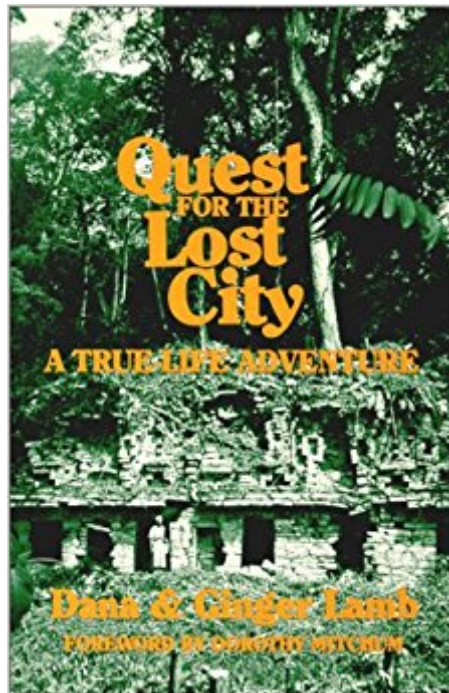




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Quest For The Lost City: A True Life Adventure



Synopsis

In 1937 Dana & Ginger Lamb set out from Tucson, Arizona and ended up in the unexplored jungles of Chiapas and Guatemala. Traveling mostly by foot, but also by horseback, canoe, a patched-together 2-seat plane, and by a burro-powered Model-T Ford, the Lambs trekked into a world of bugs, bandits, and lost civilizations. They discovered a lost tribe of Mayans and ultimately a lost city in the jungle. Exciting and true!

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"Quest for the Lost City is an absorbing book -- a sort of overland 'Kon-Tiki.' The Lambs do have a story..." -- New York Times
"They were in search of the fabled 'golden library' of the Maya, and they may well have found it..." -- St. Petersburg Times

My 16 year old let me know that this book is amazing. He couldn't stop talking about all the adventures that this couple went through. My son pressed for us to pursue our own new explorations... awesome.

I ran across this book in my high school library in 1961. I found a used copy on line and after it arrived, I have read it over again three times. Love the adventure stories of Dana and Ginger Lambs. Recommend Enchanted Vagabonds also.

First read this in my school library in 1952. Remembered it all these years. Great read!

"Quest for the Lost City" is a follow up to the equally extraordinary "Enchanted Vagabonds" published in 1938. The fact that these two books are still in print today is a testament to both the spellbinding writing style, and true adventurous spirit of the husband and wife writing/exploring/filmmaking team of Dana and Ginger Lamb. Throw away your "Indiana Jones" DVDs, these two are the real deal. Traveling by foot, horseback, dugout canoe, Model-T Ford, jeep, and airplane the Lambs traveled down the western edge of Mexico, crossing the Sonora Desert into the jungles of Chiapas. Ten years after they began their quest, years beset with hardships, frustration, and danger, they finally found their lost city. Along the way, they met a band of friendly bandits, an army of ants, a hermit, and a lost tribe of the Mayans. The Lambs' claim of finding a lost Mayan city deep in the Mexican jungle was discounted by well-known Mayan experts in their time, but today evidence by less biased experts supports the claim that the lost city they found and named "Laxtunich" still lies undiscovered in the jungle somewhere waiting to be discovered. "Quest for the Lost City" is nothing less than one of the greatest adventure stories of modern times.

The only aspect of this book that is not outrageous fiction is that the Lambs did really get to an actual Maya site that cannot now be located. However, that is because they never anywhere gave any idea of where anyone could find it. The stela the Lambs captured in photo proves that there was such a site and it was probably from a subsidiary of Yaxchilan. The two smaller buildings they show are probably also from the same site. The large building the Lambs show in the book looks very much like Temple 33 at Yaxchilan, but they did not claim that it was part of their find. They merely implied it. There is a copy of the book at archaeologist Frans Blom's library at Na Bolom and in it are two reviews by him. The longer one suggests that he had not spent enough time trashing the book the first time. There is some value in owning this book for those intrigued with cities that are still lost in jungles. You just have to be aware that there is a lot of BS in it.

If you think you are ready to backpack through the wilds of anywhere, read this book first! This couple walked from California to the jungles of Mexico, encountered banditos, bugs and fascinating people along the way. The Mayan ruins they stumbled upon probably still haven't been found... The book was written in the early 50's, so don't expect an adventure with the latest conveniences, but rather one based on wits, humor, compassion - and a lot of guts! Absolutely wonderful!!!

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