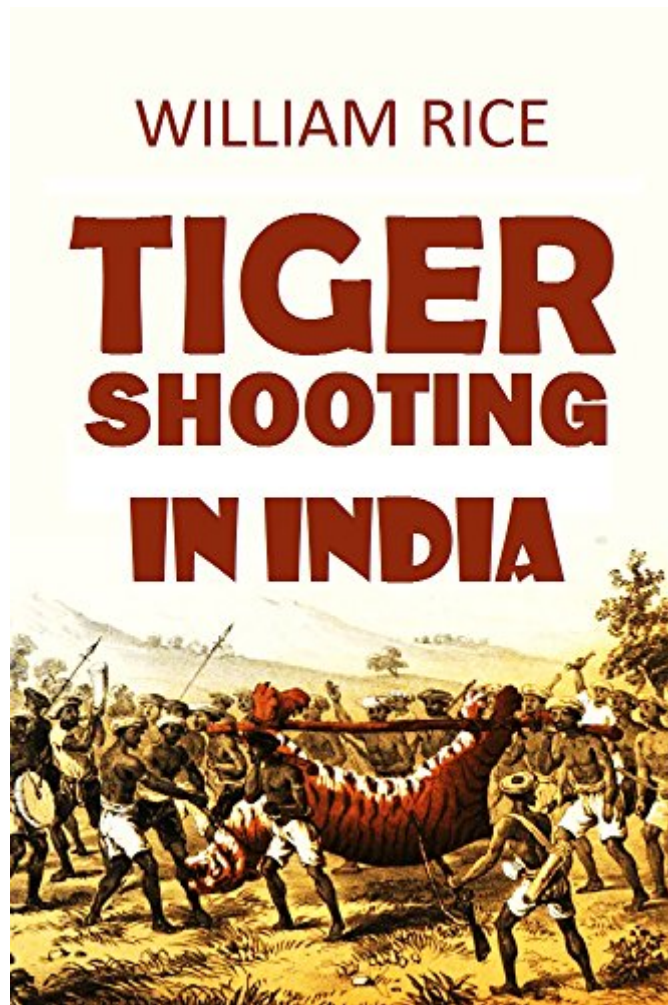




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Tiger-shooting In India (1857)



Synopsis

"...The tiger instantly sprang up, and with terrific roars came charging down, tail up and claws out, straight for where we were standing, about twenty or thirty paces off'. Here a most laughable panic occurred..." "Tiger-shooting in India" is an account of William Rice's campaigns in the jungles of Rajpootana, between 1850 and 1854, and it details the hunting of man-eating tigers, panthers, and bears which during that period fell under his bullets. Readers may be quite willing to accept the testimony of Rice that "tiger shooting is the most exciting and glorious sport this world affords" without a wish to learn the truth experimentally, after reading of his victories over tigers ten and twelve feet in length, and looking at his pictures—of which the volume contains many—of his deadly encounters with these savages of the jungle. If Mr. Gordon Cumming has a right to assume to himself the title of the "Lion Hunter," Rice may justly lay claim to that of the "Tiger Slayer;" for he states that "during the year's sport in Rajpootana, India, his "bag"—a tolerably large one it must have been, and heavy to carry under a tropical sun—consisted of 68 tigers killed. The destruction of these beasts of prey was thought a necessity in India where large number of people were eaten by tigers each year. This induced the Indian government to set a price upon each tiger's head. But Rice shouldered his rifle with no mercenary views; he had a passion for tigers and bears, but only to get a shot at and "bag" them: for this he was ready to peril his commission, as he frequently jeopardised his life." A good volume of wild sport, abounding in adventure, and handsomely illustrated with coloured plates from spirited designs by the author.—Examiner. William Rice was a British officer in the 25th Regiment Bombay Native Infantry who in 1850 relieved the 33rd Bengal Native Infantry, stationed at camp Neemuch, Rajpootana. This brought the author within reach of a hunting ground abounding in large game. His 1857 book "Tiger-Shooting in India" documents his time as a big game hunter in this remote region of India.

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