

SYNOPSIS

I DREAMED OF THE AMAZON is my own adventure story and autobiography about my life in Peru for a few years as well as my experiences with own business, a jungle lodge, in the Peruvian Amazon in the north-eastern part of the country. It is also a story of love as well as the attraction to a very different culture and way of life. I am a passionate traveller and my favourite continent is South America. I love the jungle with its magic and its amazing energy.

For many years I had dreamed of travelling and exploring the Amazon rainforest and through one of my travels in South America, I decided in 2012 to take my chance and live there for a while. The story begins with my decision to venture out to Peru, a country full of colours, varieties, contrasts and ancient cultures, which is blessed with nature, but also with a darker side to it. My story reflects a dream I had for a long time of owning a jungle lodge in the Amazon but with a holistic approach.

It also reflects the problems and nightmares I was put through, and which I had encountered right from the start of building the lodge, with people and members of tribes who you cannot trust and who make their own rules no matter how much damage they inflict on others, especially on foreigners.

It wasn't until I returned to Europe a couple of years later that I decided to put my adventures to paper and tell my story. My experiences should also be a little warning to other travellers and entrepreneurs that, if one wants to start a new life, and a business, in another country which has a very different culture to the one in Europe, or the so-called developed world, and the nightmares and pitfalls it could hold if one is not careful with making enough enquiries before starting such a project.