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Travel on the Wild Side

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- ***Travels on the Wild Side*** is a chronicle of untamed journeys and raw encounters across remote corners of the world, captured through Elena's immediate photography for those who travel not to escape, but to fully immerse, discover, and connect with humanity
- A thrilling true travel memoir by three fearless women exploring post-Apartheid Africa and travelling to India
- Features legendary locations including Timbuktu, the Danakil Depression, Uganda's gorilla forests, Madagascar, Mauritania, and India
- Combines adventure, history, danger, humour and cultural discovery
- A rare female perspective on extreme and unconventional travel
- Set against the historic backdrop of South Africa's emergence from Apartheid in 1994
- Encounters with real-world political unrest, desert militants and hidden historical treasures
- Celebrates friendship, courage, resilience and the freedom to explore
- Appeals to readers of adventurous travel writing, memoir and African exploration narratives

Three fearless women. One newly opened continent. A lifetime of unforgettable adventures.

In 1994, the fall of Apartheid opened Africa's borders to South Africans for the very first time in decades. For sisters Nan and Elena Agostinis, together with their lifelong friend Miekie, it was an irresistible invitation to venture into lands they had only dreamed about.

What followed was a breathtaking journey deep into the wild heart of Africa — and beyond.

From the ancient desert city of Timbuktu to the scorching volcanic wastelands of Ethiopia's Danakil Depression, from tracking mountain gorillas in Uganda to navigating the remote landscapes of Mali, Mauritania, Madagascar, Botswana and India, the trio plunged headlong into danger, wonder, discovery, and appreciation of the marvel of other people.

They travelled dusty roads through forgotten kingdoms and slept in stark desert outposts alongside armed extremists operating in the Sahel. In Timbuktu, they arrived just as librarians were secretly smuggling priceless ancient manuscripts to safety before militants could destroy them — a story later immortalised in *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu*.

This is a travel memoir like no other: it is the story of freedom after isolation and of three adventurous women determined to experience the world far beyond the safety of tourist maps.

Bold, vivid and deeply human, ***Travels on the Wild Side*** is an exhilarating true story that will transport readers to some of the most extraordinary and dangerous places on earth — and remind us that the greatest adventures begin the moment fear is left behind.

Elena Agostinis was born in Cape Town, South Africa, and holds a BA degree in Graphic Design from the University of Stellenbosch. She emigrated to the United States in 1975 with her husband Mark Patterson and worked at Condé Nast. She freelanced for design projects while raising their two sons, and initiated the Tannersville New York Paint Project in 2003, aired twice on NBC's *Today Show* by Mike Leonard. In 2021 it won a $10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative Award, typically reserved for large cities.

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