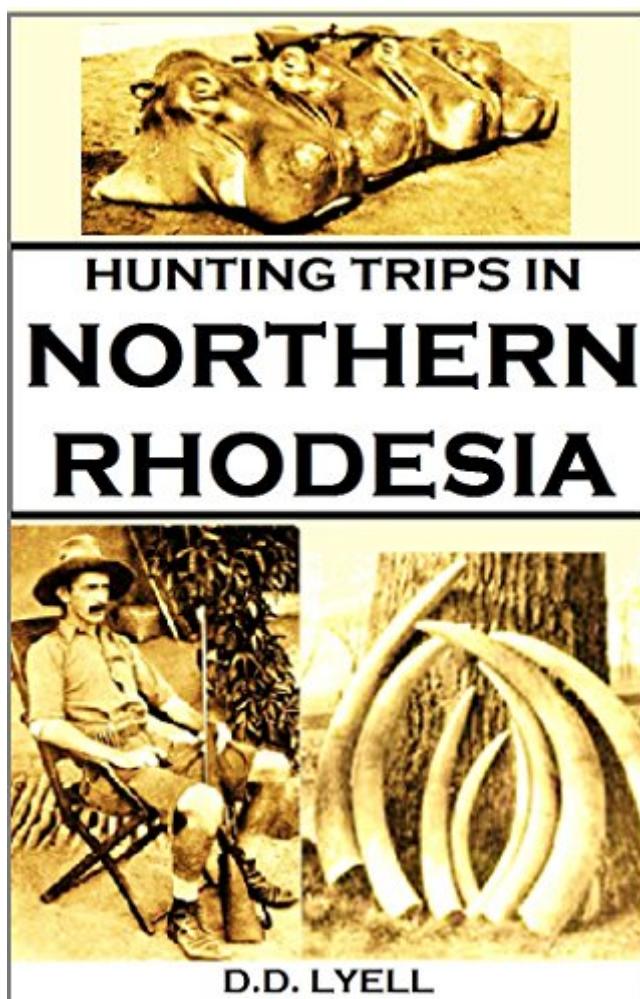


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# **Hunting Trips In Northern Rhodesia: With Accounts Of Sport And Travel In Nyasaland, And Portuguese East Africa,**



## Synopsis

Denis D. Lyell (1871 - 1946) of Scottish descent was born in British India. He was an avid reader and fan of great white hunters such as Selous and Cumming, whom he wished to emulate. He left India for Africa in 1899. He served Great Britain in both the Boer and Great World Wars and would gain notoriety as one of the great white hunters of Africa among the ranks of Selous and Cumming. He was among the last big game hunters who hunted elephants for profit. From 1900 he was engaged in big game hunting and became a well known and respected author. Lyell both knew and corresponded frequently with the other great white hunters of Africa including men such as Selous, Percival, Bell, Hunter, Pease and others. Lyell wrote a series of books about his hunting experiences with a clear style and well delivered anecdotes, making his books very readable. This book is in marked contrast with the statements printed in so many of the books on hunting in which the authors relate with pride the part they played in thinning out the game, and yet they regret that its extermination is not impossible. While the narrative relates to numerous trips after game, and is therefore not monotonous, as diaries of continuous journeys sometimes are, Mr. Lyell gives information which it will be well for sportsmen to have in preparing for an African journey. Lyell recounts his experiences in the big game lands of Rhodesia with exciting details. All manner of game was collected, including elephant near Lake Chiuta, hippopotamus on the Shire River, rhinoceros on the Luangwa River, and lion. In addition, sable impala, kudu, eland, lechwe, waterbuck and other antelopes were also taken. One of his most memorable accounts is of being charged by an elephant and eventually subduing the beast in order to reap the bounty provided by its ivory tusks. Lyell states: " I give an account of some of my experiences with the big game of Northern Rhodesia (or South Central Africa). Although the book is mainly about shooting in that country, I have also included a few chapters on sport and travel in Nyasaland and Portuguese East Africa. Sporting literature on this part of Africa is not so common as that on countries such as Southern Africa, British East Africa, Uganda, Somaliland, and the Nile regions. Perhaps to many people this book may seem superfluous, as so much has already been written on African shooting ; but big-game hunters, in my opinion, are always ready to read about sport in countries so little known as this part of Africa, and where they have not been themselves. Since I have lived in this country I have kept diaries of my hunting trips and shooting experiences, ... The free life in the bush is very fascinating to the lover of Nature in all her wild forms, and a man always longs to return to such a country, teeming with game, again and again." CONTENTS. CHAPTER I. The Game Country and Game HunterCHAPTER II. The Game (Antelopes) CHAPTER III. 2. The Game (Carnivora, Pachydermata, etc.) CHAPTER IV. A Hunting Trip to Lake ChiutaCHAPTER V. Hippo in

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Lyell's writing style does not produce a "page-turner" but even so his straight forward narration of his adventures is interesting enough. He is thoroughly knowledgeable and often discourses on the flora and fauna of the area. A good read for anyone interested in the Dark Continent.

While not exactly poorly-written, Mr Lyell's style is very scanty on interesting details and anecdotes about his travels in what are now Malawi and North-eastern Zambia regions. Also, he kind of jumps

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