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Front cover: Quentin Keynes in search of the dodo, Mauritius, 1952.

Back cover: A group of four Nyanekas on the front of QGK's truck, Humpata Highlands, south-west Angola, January 1951.

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Quentin Keynes was born in London in 1921, and moved to the USA in 1939. Soon after the end of the war he began his life as an explorer, especially in Africa and the sub-equatorial islands of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

For fifty years he led small groups of teenagers on safari in Africa. He made films of his adventures, wrote articles for the *National Geographic Magazine*, and showed his films in schools and colleges throughout America and Britain.

During the course of his life, he amassed a large collection of books and manuscripts, centred on the great explorers of Africa in the nineteenth century, but extending into other areas of travel, natural history, and modern literature.

Quentin Keynes died in February 2003. This book contains the texts of the addresses given by his friends at one or other of the two memorial meetings held in October 2003, at the Royal Geographical Society (London) and the Explorers Club (New York). It also contains a memoir by his elder brother, Richard Keynes, and a more extended account of his life, and collections, by his nephew, Simon Keynes.