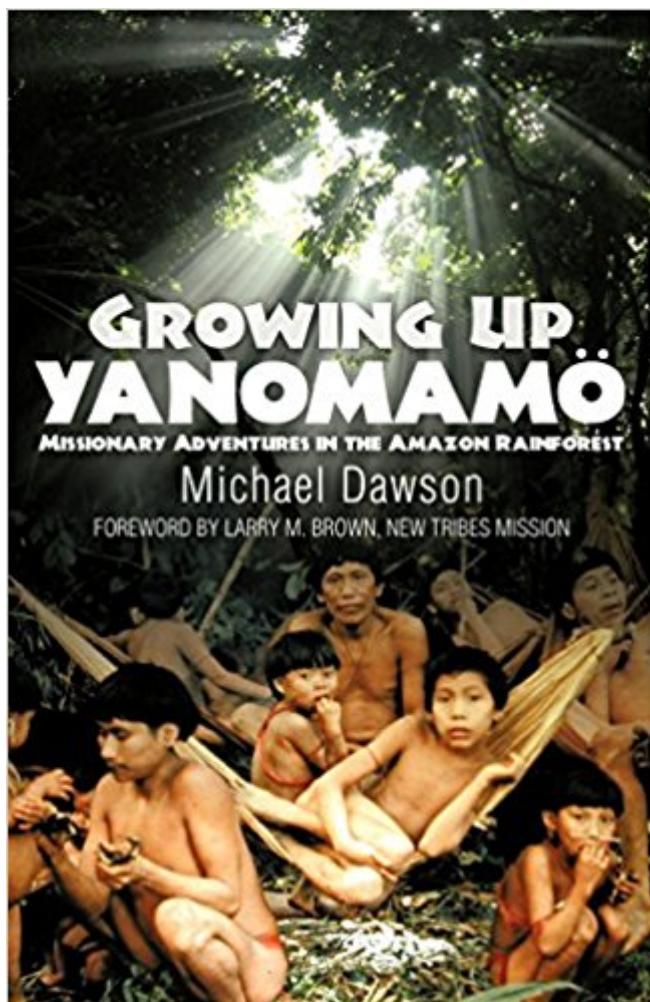


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# Growing Up Yanomam'o: Missionary Adventures In The Rainforest



## **Synopsis**

Imagine living in a stone-age culture. That is how the Yanomam'o have been described. Three generations of the same family working with this Venezuelan tribe and now a new film coming out from the tribal leaders themselves to refute the secular anthropologists by showing how walking with Christ has transformed their culture. Mike's growing up years will take you through adventures with animals, nature, and people.

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## **Customer Reviews**

It is excellent, a great read and unique insight into a culture and upbringing that are cinematographic, to say the least. The descriptions of growing up with the Yanomam'¶ remind me a bit of Huck Finn, with an twist. The story about hunting for tapir is wild it makes a deer hunt, or even an elk hunt, seem tame by comparison. --Simon Romero, Andean Bureau Chief, The New York TimesMichael's sense of humor, wit, and caring come through the pages. It is like sitting down with a good friend who is ready to surprise you with a true story of an amazing adventure. Imagine a white boy, in "the hood" of this jungle tribe, living, playing, and growing up Yanomam'¶.

--Christopher Bessette, Writer/Director of the feature film *Yai Wanonab'¶lew'¶: The Enemy God*The beauty of fiction is that it allows the author to create characters that are uniquely designed to elicit the full range of human emotions. In nonfiction, only rarely does one find a range of characters we can not only admire, but best of all, root for, and even dream of a better world for their children. Such are the characters about whom Mike Dawson writes in *Growing Up*

YanomamÃƒÂ¶, a story of life with Stone-Age people, guaranteed to expand the mind of even the most experienced. Nothing demands a self-review like a trip through another time and culture. Dawson provides just this sort of trip in his special book. --Mark Andrew Ritchie, Author, Spirit of the Rainforest

Michael Dawson was born in the middle of the jungle, the fifth child of 10, born to missionaries Joe and Mildred Dawson who settled their family in Coshilowateli. Here he has spent his life living and working among the native YanomamÃƒÂ¶ and continues to serve God with his wife, Keila, their three boys and two daughters.

Mike takes the reader to an indigenous tribe in Venezuela. His writing is clear and smooth and is sprinkled with opportunities for chuckles. Anyone who wants to learn what it's like to live with a Stone-Age people will enjoy this quick reading book. He shares the fun but also some very difficult parts of their lives.

Mike's book puts faces on the Yanomamo. They become real, they breathe, they hurt, they love and share joy. They are not just words on a page denoting the existence of a small tribe deep in the . Because of the faithfulness of the Dawson family these people came to know the love of God and Jesus their Savior. Through understanding we gain knowledge and acceptance, this is the pathway to peace. Ginny Hamrick

Engaging storyteller with a story worth telling. Not my usual genre but I REALLY enjoyed this book! I can't wait to read the next one!

This book allowed to know how to pray for the people and missionaries of the . There were tears, belly laughs, and time of spiritual reflection.

The author, Mike Dawson, has a truly remarkable ability to place on paper real-life stories that help the reader to feel as if they are present with him in the adventures of his growing up in the deep jungle of southern Venezuela. Mike, whose parents and other family members are in Front Royal, Virginia, still lives in the place where he grew up and the adventures continue. A remarkable man from a remarkable family whose positive influence have helped guide the fierce Yanomamo Indians from lives of killing others to ones of deep friendship. The many hardships Mike's family endure are

treated as "blessings" in light of their accomplishments and the life changes reflected by the many Yanamamos who now live in peace; not constant war. This first person story by a friend growing up in the jungle with native Indians is interesting, educational, and inspiring. I recommend it as great reading and source of encouragement. Lots of humorous life events also. Mike Dawson's work "Growing Up Yanomamo" won an award as Book of the year in 2010 for biography and has a new follow-on work (actually part II of the story) named "I can See The Shore" (also available on .com) that is not only an inspiring and heart-warming volume, but helps readers complete the important understanding of the activities presented in "Growing Up Yanomamo". I was privileged to spend an evening with Mike and Keila Dawson recently and can share that their story, as presented in these two volumes, is just the "tip of the iceberg", so to speak. I was inspired, encouraged, my heart ached, and I cried (yes, grown men do cry) at Mike's presentation and openness of their joys and traumas of life, and how God works through them. I highly recommend these books, especially to those who first read "Growing Up Yanomamo". You will truly have your emotions touched with laughter, sadness, joy, sorrow, and most of all inspiration to further illuminate your own life. Mike's mom (Millie Dawson) also has a related work "All the Day Long", that I bought from .com.

Great book.

This was a very interesting and educational book about growing up with the Yanomamo tribe in the Rainforest. It was well written and kept you captivated by the stories this author told of his years among these people. A hard book to put down.

Excellent book and nicely balances out 'Spirit of the Rainforest'.

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