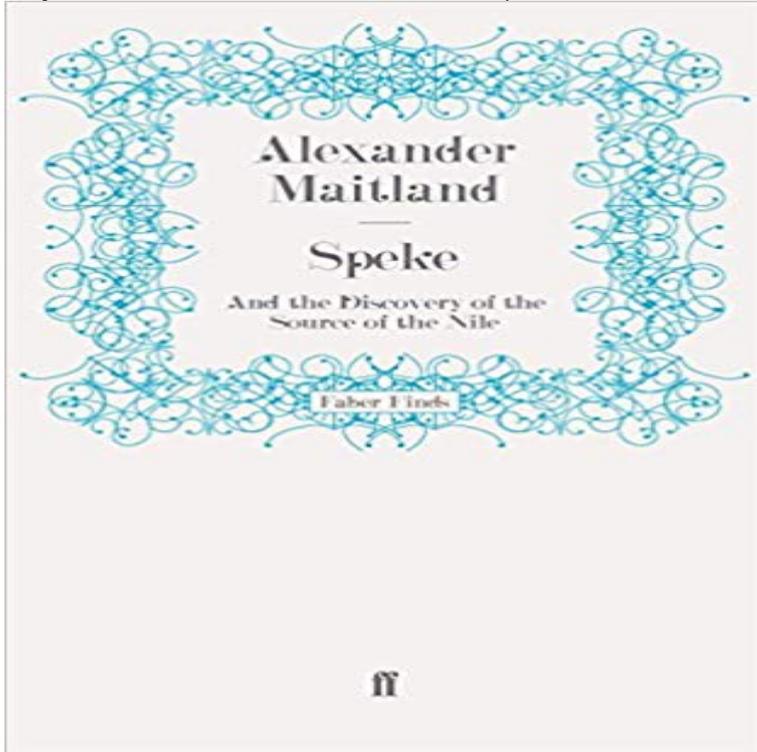


Speke: And the Discovery of the Source of the Nile



John Hanning Speke was one of the great Victorian explorers and his most famous achievement was the discovery in 1862 of the main source of the White Nile in Lake Victoria Nyanza. Born in 1827, he joined the Indian Army at the age of seventeen, and after serving for ten years he joined Sir Richard Burtons abortive expedition to Somaliland. After a military interlude in the Crimea, Speke joined Burtons second Central African expedition in the winter of 1856, twice crossed Lake Tanganyika by canoe and finally pressed on to the Ukerewe Lake which he thought was the source of the Nile; Burton was sceptical. Spekes courage, perseverance and toughness were heroic and his instinct for wild life and wild country remarkable. In 1860 Speke was put in charge of a new expedition and finally penetrated to the place where the Nile flows out of Lake Victoria Nyanza. First published in 1971, Alexander Maitlands biography remains the only full-length study of Speke.

Editorial Reviews. From Library Journal. In this 1863 volume, Speke recounts how he discovered Lake Victoria in East Africa in 1858. The book is part natural history. Also, it seems, historians never made use of the manuscript on which Speke based his book *The Discovery of the Source of the Nile*, despite its title. *Journal of the Discovery of the Source of the Nile*. by John Hanning Speke. Publication date Worldcat (source edition) 1498438. Year 1864. Published in 1863, this account of Spekes challenging journey through East Africa to trace the Nile from Lake Victoria contains important historical evidence. Author: Speke (John Hanning), Description: First Edition: 658 pages, frontispiece of Speke, 25 engraved plates, 2 coloured maps 1 folding in pocket at the bottom. John Hanning Speke discovered the source of the Nile on August 3rd, 1858. 19th century explorer, discovered the source of the Nile. The Project Gutenberg eBook of *The Discovery of the Source of the Nile*, by John Hanning Speke This eBook is for the use of anyone anywhere at no cost and without advertising. Captain Spekes *Journal of the Discovery of the Source of the Nile*. A review. A rare original article from the *Quarterly Review*, 1864. by Tremenheere, J.H. and a *Journal Of The Discovery Of The Source Of The Nile [John Hanning Speke]* on . *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. This is a reproduction of a rare original article from the *Quarterly Review*, 1864. After numerous months of delays Speke's role as an explorer and co-discoverer of the Nile. John Hanning Speke was a man of thirty-six, when his *Nile Journal* appeared. He had entered the army in 1844, and completed ten years of service in India,