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## The Man of Passage, and Other Stories Out of Africa (SIGNED COPY)

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By Mathie, Ian

Live Wire Books, 2006. Original Cloth. Book Condition: NEW. Dust Jacket Condition: New. First Edition. 8vo - over 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " - 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " tall. BRAND NEW. On the shelves & available to despatch. Multiple copies available. "Born in Edinburgh, the second son of a Scottish soldier, Ian Mathie's contact with Africa began indirectly while he was still an infant, listening to the roar of the lions in nearby Corstorphine Zoo during the early evening quiet before bedtime. Although the sound meant nothing at the time, it was the foundation of a lifelong fascination with the Dark Continent that started for real in 1951 when his father was posted to serve as Second-in-Command of the Northern Rhodesia Regiment and the family moved with him to Lusaka. At Christmas, the native African soldiers abandoned their military uniforms, donned their tribal gear and, armed with shields and spears, assembled to dance for and to greet their British officers and their families. Ian was so frightened by this spectacle that he hid in a wardrobe for twenty-four hours until found by the cook's son, with whom he went to school. After an explanation from his parents and a lot of teasing from his peers, Ian was..."



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