

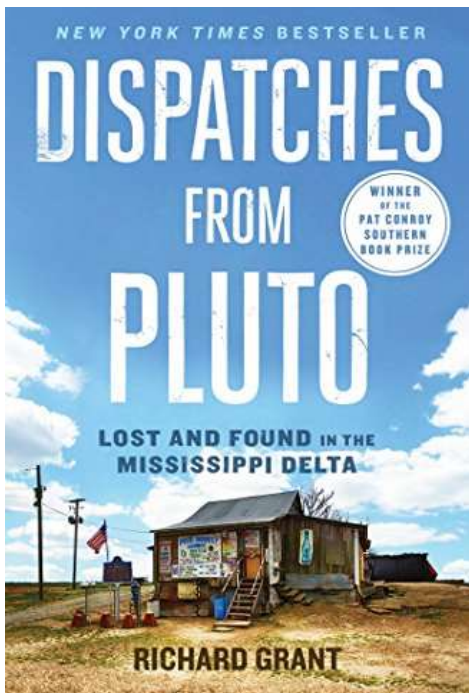
Richard Grant

Richard Grant is a New York Times best-selling author, journalist, and television host. He currently writes for Smithsonian magazine, New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Telegraph UK, Aeon and several other publications. He grew up in London, England, and now lives in Jackson, Mississippi.

Some of Grant's projects include the BBC documentary film *American Nomads*, which he hosted, narrated and wrote. In addition, he has a consulting role in the multiple-award-winning new documentary *Omo Child: The River and The Bush*, about ending infanticide in Southern Ethiopia.



Book Synopsis: *Dispatches from Pluto: Lost & Found in the Mississippi Delta*



Adventure writer Richard Grant takes on "the most American place on Earth" the enigmatic, beautiful, often derided Mississippi Delta.

Grant and his girlfriend were living in a shoebox apartment in New York City when they decided on a whim to buy an old plantation house in the Mississippi Delta. This is their journey of discovery into this strange and wonderful American place. On a remote, isolated strip of land, three miles beyond the tiny community of Pluto, Richard and his girlfriend, Mariah, embark on a new life. They learn to hunt, grow their own food, and fend off alligators, snakes, and varmints galore.

They befriend an array of unforgettable local characters, blues legend T-Model Ford, cookbook maven Martha Foose, catfish farmers, eccentric millionaires, and the actor Morgan Freeman.

Grant brings an adept, empathetic eye to the fascinating people he meets, capturing the rich, extraordinary culture of the Delta, while tracking its utterly bizarre and criminal extremes.

Dispatches from Pluto is a book as unique as the Delta itself. It's lively, entertaining, and funny, containing a travel writer's flair for in-depth reporting alongside insightful reflections on poverty, community, and race.

