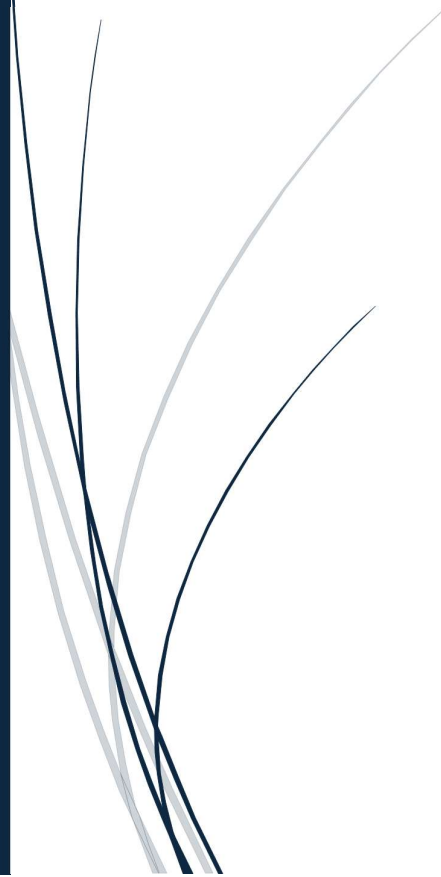




BOOK REVIEW

THE LOST WORLD

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INTRODUCTION:

This review gives an overview of the book titled *The Lost World*. I am a fiction enthusiast who loves to explore mystical domains, and hence, when I came across this book, it instantly spiked my curiosity, which was further fueled by reading its blurb about an adventurous scientific expedition to a lost world. Initially, I was expecting that it might be an adventure some brave man would embrace out of his love for the scientific community and the joy of solving mysteries.

PLOT OVERVIEW:

The plot starts quite interestingly and in an unexpected way. The initial scene comprises the author, Edward Malone, a reporter for the *Daily Gazette*, entering his beloved's house in order to confess his love to her, but he is taken aback to learn that his lover desires to marry a brave man who faces odds to achieve something great. This inspires him to take on a challenge to interview Professor Challenger, who is known for his short-tempered and threatening behavior towards reporters, to prove himself. The author takes this opportunity to interview him. Initially, he is also threatened, but later he gets on the same terms with the professor and learns about his eerie encounter in the Amazon forest in South America and discovers a lost world. Later, he goes to a talk conducted by another professor where Professor Challenger is also present. Due to an unexpected turn of events, he is forced to join a crew consisting of the abrasive Professor Challenger, the skeptical Professor Summerlee, and the daring Lord John Roxton, to go on a trip to South America in order to verify Professor Challenger's experiences. In this way, the journey starts. With the guidance of the indigenous people, they discover a lost world that has never been explored. The more interesting fact is that the crew encounters lost dinosaur species like the pterodactyls and primitive species of humans over there, filling the adventure with excitement caused by their various encounters and personal conflicts.

ANALYSIS AND OPINION:

This book can be considered a masterpiece of adventure and mystery. It has a good flow of thought and vivid descriptions of the main characters in the book. Each scene is well organized, and the plot has many twists and turns, making it intriguing. The thought of love being the foundation of an adventure is novel and fascinating. Although this story portrays how love can lead one to do unbelievable things, it also showcases how one can embrace challenges in life with passion. It advocates that where there is a will,

there is a way. The author was a reporter for the newspaper who knew how to write articles and investigate news. Therefore, he initially thought that interviewing Professor Challenger would be a challenge and count as a brave deed for him. This can be observed from his shocking reaction when he heard the news editor's words: "Why should you not try your luck with Professor Challenger, of Enmore Park?" Later, when he was faced with the challenge of going on an expedition to an undiscovered piece of land, he braced it with courage and showed that his skills (reporting and investigating), which had no relevance to adventure, could be used in a productive way when encountering life-threatening situations. This can be observed in the scene when the author and his crew encountered a brontosaurus. The author observed keenly the movements of the creature and alerted his fellow companions, ensuring their safety. The author's words had an influential effect on his crew, which helped him to maintain harmony. The adventure highlights his adaptability, intellectual, and leadership qualities.

In terms of the plot, this story is very fascinating and adventurous, but I feel there is scope for improvement in the romance point of view. Though the idea of love being the cause of adventure is exciting and romantic, it would be more infatuating and amazing if the female lead had accompanied the male lead on the expedition, braving dangers with her loved one. One more suggestion for the improvement of the storyline would be to emphasize more the bond between the crew during the adventure and enhance the suspense in the lost world.

PERSONAL CONNECTION:

This story inspires me to embark on untrodden paths with courage and resilience. It shows that nothing is impossible and that where there is a will, there is a way. It encourages staying calm in the face of danger and seizing opportunities when they arise. It also changed my perception of love—how even a small request from a beloved can spark the courage to set out on an extraordinary adventure.

CONCLUSION:

This book has a captivating plot that fully satisfies the reader's curiosity. It advocates that true love has the power to achieve anything, transforming an incompetent or naïve person into someone strong and reliable. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys diving deep into the world of thrilling adventures and mysteries. People who love to fill their imaginations with fantasies and puzzles will especially appreciate this story.