



Sample Interview Questions

1. You are the author of two books, *Cool Creatures, Hot Planet: Exploring the Seven Continents*, and *Endangered Edens: Exploring the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Costa Rica, the Everglades, and Puerto Rico*. What are the differences between the books?
2. Which book was harder to write?
3. The first chapter in your new book, *Endangered Edens*, is “Puerto Rico Herpin’ or: I Thought This Was a Girl Trip!” What is the significance of that title?
4. What were your favorite and least favorite parts of your Puerto Rico adventure?
5. In the second chapter of *Endangered Edens*—called “Arctic Eyewitness”—you travel to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the Prudhoe Bay oil field. Why did you choose those destinations?
6. What was the weather like so far north? It must have been cold!
7. Did you have any hair-raising or death-defying adventures while in the Arctic?
8. What kind of wildlife did you see in the Arctic Refuge?
9. Did you see any wildlife in Prudhoe Bay?
10. Should oil companies be allowed to drill in the Arctic?
11. The third chapter in *Endangered Edens* is called “I Got Cottonmouth with Two Russians in the Everglades, but I Swear I Didn’t Inhale.” Does that mean what I think it means?
12. How was your Everglades adventure different than the other three adventures in your book?
13. What kind of wildlife experiences did you have in the Everglades?
14. The final chapter in *Endangered Edens* is called “Bat an Eyelash and Monkey Around in Costa Rica.” How did you come up with all these fun titles?
15. What is so special about Costa Rica?
16. You must have had some amazing wildlife experiences in Costa Rica? Can you share one* with us? (*For longer interviews, you can change this number to “two” or “three.”)

17. Tell us about photographing the bats.
18. We've spent most of our time talking about your new book, *Endangered Edens*," but we can't end this interview without hearing the hippo story from your first book, *Cool Creatures, Hot Planet*. What happened?
19. Where can people buy your books?

Below are select questions that pertain to my first book, *Cool Creatures, Hot Planet*. I am including them for use in longer interviews.

1. Your book, *Cool Creatures, Hot Planet: Exploring the Seven Continents* follows you and your wife, Deb, on an eight-trip, three-and-a-half-year-long adventure to some of the wildest places on all seven continents. Where, exactly, did you go?
2. What made you decide to turn your travels into a book?
3. When did you start your travels for *Cool Creatures, Hot Planet*?
4. What was the significance of the timing of your travels?
5. Is it true that while traveling for *Cool Creatures, Hot Planet* you were surrounded by wolves, attacked by a hippopotamus, bitten by a poisonous snake, and stung by one of the world's most venomous insects?
6. What was your most exciting adventure?
7. What was the most memorable experience of your travels?
8. Of all seven continents, which was your favorite?
9. Was there a particular country that you despised?
10. In your book, you make fun of macho travelogues. Don't your adventures also fit into the macho category?