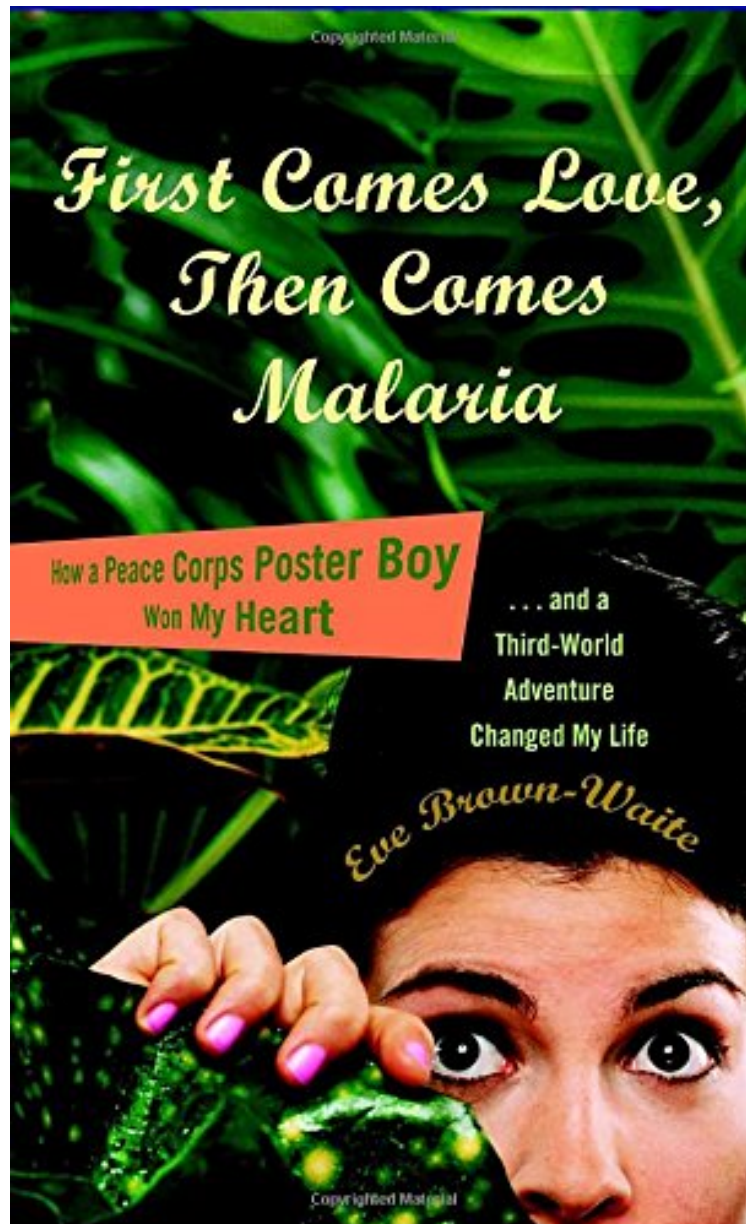


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Eve Brown-Waite : First Comes Love, then Comes Malaria: How a Peace Corps Poster Boy Won My Heart and a Third World Adventure Changed My Life before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *First Comes Love, then Comes Malaria: How a Peace Corps Poster Boy Won My Heart and a Third World Adventure Changed My Life*:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. 3.5 stars
By WingsandRings
This book is in the same vein as Maarten Troost's "Sex Lives of Cannibals" and "Getting Stoned with Savages." The book follows Eve from her post-college Peace Corp experience in South America, to Uganda with her husband and eventually baby via CARE. To me, it just didn't live up to the standards of Troost's books. I never really felt like I understood what day to day living was like there. People and situations seem to pop in and out throughout the book with the sense that they've been there all along but you haven't been hearing about them. For example, we didn't get a sense of what the wildlife around them was like until about 150 pages in, and even then it's only mentioned once, there's a whole chapter on bringing the cats to Uganda from the US and then they're only mentioned a couple more times throughout the book, and at the end when she's saying goodbye to everyone there were several people whose names I knew I'd seen but I couldn't remember exactly who they were, what role they'd played in her life, and why she was so distraught over leaving them. Now I'm not saying I'd want to read 100+ pages on housecats in Uganda, but a little bit of flow and continuity would have been nice. Sometimes it just felt like she forgot that we couldn't see through her eyes and know what was going on from day to day. I just never quite felt immersed in the experience. It always felt like I was listening to someone TELL me about what had happened, rather than being able to picture it myself. This was a perfectly fun book with some definite laugh out loud moments. But like I said, I read Troost's books first, and his just feel more effortlessly informative, immersive, and funny.
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By J. Waters
After the first page or two Mrs. Brown-Waite's disillusionment becomes clear. She whined her way through her description of the next several years. I thought we would enjoy some fun tales about eating monkey heads and such but instead we just have to hear about her lack of conveniences and some excuses for why she couldn't fulfill her commitments. I followed this book by a true account of a missionary's journey into New Guinea and it was a much better read.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. 5 Star Book!
By Christina Bramante
Excellent book! Loved the story and it's very well written!

Eve Brown-Waite writes as she lives with verve and humor and a fine sense of the absurd. -- Martin Troost, author of *Lost on Planet China*
Eve Brown's dream is to join the Peace Corps and maybe solve world hunger and win a Nobel Peace Prize along the way. But she secretly fears she isn't tough enough to survive the bug-infested jungle, much less life without toilet paper and decaf cappuccino. Then she falls head-over-little-black-heels in love with John--a dashing Peace Corps recruiter whose do-gooder passions outshine her own. She becomes more determined than ever to get into the Peace Corps and to win John's heart in the process. Assigned to Ecuador, she yearns for warm showers and cold beers (instead of the other way around!) . And though she occasionally finds herself overwhelmed by her work reuniting homeless children with their families, she learns to delight in small successes. But a year into her service, a tragedy befalls one of her fellow volunteers which unearths troubling memories from Eve's past and causes her to return, rather unceremoniously, to the US. Back home, Eve attempts to settle down with John and get reacquainted with the joys of sushi and supermarkets. But faster than she can say pass the malaria pills, John accepts a job with CARE in a remote corner of Africa and Eve gets a second chance to test her mettle in the Third World. With uproarious wit and candor, Eve Brown-Waite details the (mis)adventures that ensue. From intestinal parasites and guerrilla warfare, to culture clashes, and unexpected friendships, *First Comes Love, Then Comes Malaria* captures the thrills and absurdities of global humanitarian life in a story any globetrotter - armchair or otherwise - will love.

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CARE's headquarters in Arua, Uganda
Eve, John, and Sierra going on safari in Kenya
Eve, John, and Sierra on safari at the Nile River in Uganda
Typical northwest Ugandan houses
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College graduate Eve is looking for a meaningful endeavor and settles on the Peace Corps. Though she's not sure a life without creature comforts is for her, she is certain of one thing: John, the Peace Corps recruiter, is the guy for her. The couple faces a two-year separation when Eve receives a placement in Ecuador. Reluctantly, Eve leaves John and heads to South America where, after a time, she finds her niche reuniting lost children with their families until a coworker's rape brings up traumatic memories for her and she's sent back home. Though her stint in the Peace Corps is over, a future with John means a life less ordinary, and soon after their marriage he accepts a job with CARE in Uganda. Once there, Eve finds the people welcoming but the lack of amenities the power is turned on for only three hours at night and the persistent insect population daunting. With an appealing, down-to-earth voice, Brown-Waite chronicles her adventures abroad in an accessible, humorous tone sure to appeal to armchair travelers. --Kristine Huntley
Eve Brown-Waite writes as she lives with verve and humor and a fine sense of the absurd." J. Maarten Troost,

author of *Lost on Planet China*"A must, must, must read. You will laugh, laugh, laugh at this account of how you can do good and laugh away your stress all at the same time." Loretta LaRoche, author of *Kick Up Your Heels Before You're Too Short to Wear Them*"Eve Brown-Waite had me at "Jambo." Her hilarious, charming, and honest memoir about evolving from someone who merely shops at Banana Republic to someone who wants to save banana republics is an un-putdownable must-read." Jenny Gardiner, author of *Sleeping with Ward Cleaver*"Eve Brown takes you on a wild, engrossing, and totally unpredictable ride with laughs and tears along the way. A wonderful debut!" Mia King, author of *Good Things*"*First Comes Love, Then Comes Malaria* is infectious! Once you start it, you can't put it down." Eileen Cook, author of *Unpredictable and What Would Emma Do?*"Proof positive that you CAN help the world, fall in love, survive malaria and a civil war AND laugh all at the same time. Eve Brown-Waite is a talented debut writer whodbetterbe writing a sequel becauseIwant to know happens next!Gail Konop Baker, author of *Cancer Is a Bitch: Or, I'd Rather be Having a Midlife Crisis*"*First Comes Love, Then Comes Malaria* is a hilarious, smart, and compelling debut. Eve Brown-Waite vividly captures the ex-pat experience, the paradox of trying to save the world while desperately craving a cappuccino and proves that, in some locales, you can be a little bit pregnant. The result is a grand adventure, love story, and journey of self-discovery that you will not be able to put down."Danielle Younge-Ullman, author of *Falling Under*