

ADVENTURE DIVAS

By HOLLY MORRIS

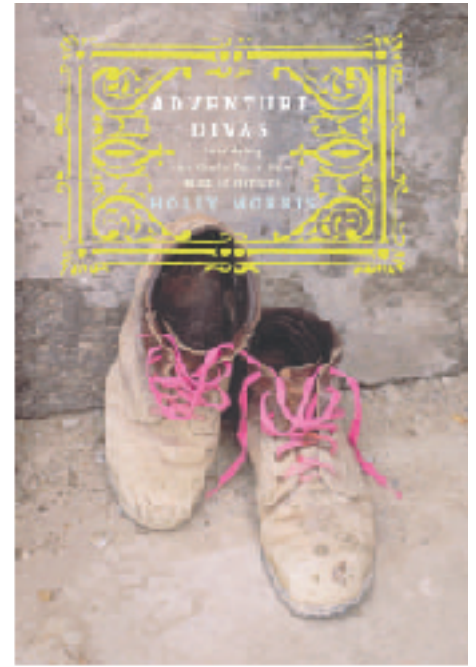
Searching the Globe for Women
Who are Changing the World

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"A delightful triangulation of adventure travel, telecommuting and self-reinvention." —*The New York Times Book Review*

"With her trademark candor, guts, with and insight, [Morris' memoir] is a sweet song to the questing, world-engaged life."
—*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*



After years as a desk-jockey, Holly Morris quit her job and set out to prove that adventure is not just a vacation style but a philosophy of living - and to find like-minded, risk-taking women around the globe. With modest backing, a small television crew, her spirited producer-mother, Jeannie, and a whole lot of chutzpah, Morris tracked down artists, activists, and politicians—women of action who change the rules, and sometimes the world around them.

Morris brings to life the remarkable people and places she's encountered on the road while filming her PBS series *Adventure Divas* and other programs: Assata Shakur, a former Black Panther, now a fugitive living in exile in Cuba; Kiran Bedi, New Delhi's chief of police, who revolutionized India's infamously brutal Tihar Jail with her humanitarian ethic; New Zealand pop star Hinewehi Mohi, a Maori who reinvigorates her native culture for a new generation; and Mokarrameh Ghanbari, a septuagenarian painter and rice farmer who lives in a tiny village in Iran, where her creative talents run counter to the government's strict stance on art.

Along the way, Morris hunts for wild boar with Penan tribesmen in the jungles of Borneo; scales the Matterhorn short-roped to a salty fourth-generation Swiss guide, and memorably becomes the first woman to enter the traditional camel race of the Saharan oasis town of Timia.

Intelligent and phenomenally funny, *Adventure Divas* is a pro-woman chronicle for the twenty-first century. In a pilgrimage fueled by curiosity, ideology, and full-on estrogen power, Morris has paved the way for each of us to discover our diva within, and set out to explore the world.

"Smart, sexy, inspiring! Whether she's deconstructing Cuban politics, finding meaning in a Brazilian bikini wax, or succumbing to the pleasures of a Tehran security pat-down, Holly lives and writes like a brainy bad girl."
—*Cameron Tuttle, author of The Bad Girl's Guide to the Open Road*

"Fascinating...Morris offers vicarious thrills and more than just a little bit of inspiration for desk-bound people everywhere." —*The Chicago Tribune*

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