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# Borneo Tom: In Story And Sketch: Love, Travel And Jungle Family In Tropical Asia



## Synopsis

Join award winning science teacher Tom McLaughlin tracking orangutans, dancing naked in an earthquake, inadvertently swimming with jelly fish and MORE DANGEROUSLY falling in love. This humorous collection of essays follows Tom as he travels throughout Southeast Asia and parts of China and Vietnam. Researching both Alfred Wallace and Charles Darwin, he arrives at his own ideas about how they came up with their theories that will bring controversy to the scientific history crowd. In four remarkable stories he explores both lives and deduces one was probably drunk and the other crazy. Love plays an important part of his story. He reconciles with his daughter after a nasty divorce. Her younger sister shares many of his adventures with him and he chronicles a teenagers reactions to the many wonderful sights and sounds of Southeast Asia. Without warning Tom falls madly in love with a kampung girl, marries, and then, after a vasectomy, finds she is with child. Follow the courtship and marriage ceremonies all sensitively portrayed with respect to local custom. Wildlife plays an important part in Tom's essays. He relates humorous encounters with orangutans, the rafflesia flower and pandas. Part of the earnings from the book will supplement the trip cameras he has already purchased for a wildlife center in Malaysian Borneo. The book is illustrated in caricature by famous Kuching waterfront artist Niki whose paintings of the Malaysian national bird The Horn Bill hang in homes around the world. Tom lives in Kuching, Malaysian Borneo with his expectant wife Suriani. Check out his blog at [www.borneotom.com](http://www.borneotom.com). And, since you read this far, you will receive a free sling bag, see the blog description mailed via sea mail from Borneo. Just e-mail Tom at [Tom02@aol.com](mailto:Tom02@aol.com)

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