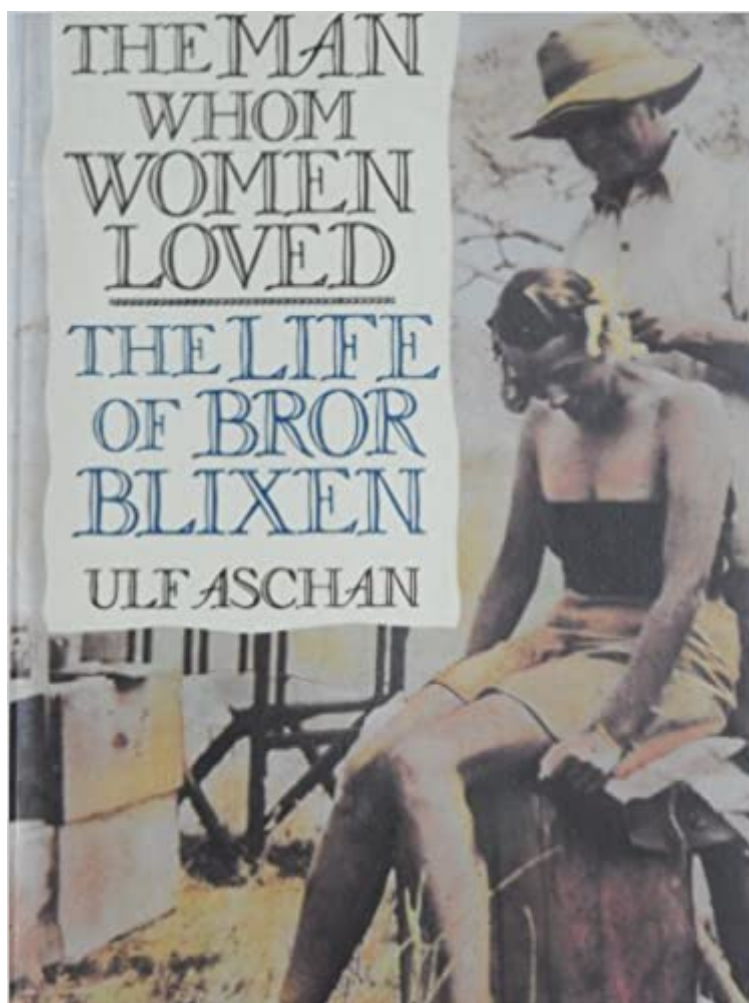


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# The Man Whom Women Loved: The Life Of Bror Blixen



## Synopsis

Husband to Isak Dinesen, archetypal hero for Ernest Hemingway, a romantic figure of mythic passions for women and adventure, Bror Blixen led a life that exceeded his legend. The author is Blixen's godson.

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## Customer Reviews

The godson of Bror Blixen, "Aschan here presents a beguiling biography of 'Blix,' " wrote PW. Fond but candid, he describes the baron as roistering, bibulous and randy, recalling his marriage to Isak Dinesen and relationships with Hemingway, Beryl Markham and others. Photos. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.

These biographies of two Europeans who lived in early 20th-century Kenya provide a vivid evocation of the colonial era. With his wife, novelist Isak Dinesen, Bror Blixen left Sweden to cultivate coffee in Kenya; he became instead a highly successful white hunter, leading rich Europeans on safari. Archetypal hero for Ernest Hemingway, Blix was also a happy womanizer. Kenya hunter Aschan paints the exotic scenery and wildlife richly, but Blixen's character remains elusive in this brief, sometimes sketchy book. Lovell's biography of aviatrix Beryl Markham more vividly evokes its subject. Raised in Kenya alongside the sons of Nandi hunters, Markham was the first person to fly west across the Atlantic solo, author of the successful *West with the Night*, and a champion horse trainer. Her lovers included Blixen, Prince Henry, Leopold Stokowski, and many

others, but Markham is more remarkable as a woman who lived for herself. Strikingly beautiful, uninterested in motherhood, she could take apart an airplane, fly across the Sahara with a stuttering engine, write a brilliant memoir, and instantly calm an unmanageable horse. An upcoming television miniseries will keep this highly readable book in demand. Bettina Drew, English Dept., City Coll., CUNY  
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My original knowledge of Baron Bror von Blixen came from Klaus Brandauer's portrayal in the film adaptation 'Out of Africa' and his own book 'African Hunter.' Sadly, the movie paints as a bit of a villain (albeit a likable one) and his book, while full of excellent observations on safari hunting, offers little insight into his life and mind. This biography, however, was obviously written with a great deal of care and research by his nephew Ulf and offers an enormous amount of detail on not only its subject, Bror Blixen, but the many men and women his life impacted and the rapidly changing East Africa he made a life in. He was certainly a womanizer as the title suggests, but every woman, presented in their own words, loved him and it's quite appropriate that the book is divided into chapters based on the woman he was involved with at that time in his life. Bror Blixen comes across as a flawed, but charming and unpretentious man. By the time you finished reading about his life, you'll only regret that you'll never have a chance to know him in person.

This is a good read! After seeing 'Out of Africa' about 10 times, and reading all I could find on Isak Dinesen and Dinesen Finch Hatton, I turned to Bror Blixen and he's just as much a character as the other two. He must have been a 'charmer'!

Although, for a second hand book it's in excellent condition, the author is quite clearly biased in favour of his godfather. Having said that the book is interesting as it gives you a look at the other side of the coin so you can compare it with Karen Blixen's Out Of Africa which is viewed by some as a bit of a fairytale. Somewhere in the middle as they say lies the truth. For all that it's a good read.

This is such an enjoyable read. I have given copies to friends and all have enjoyed it, and thanked me.

Right on the money with biographical accounts of his early life in Denmark, meeting with Isak Dinesen, move to Africa and his many ladies. His passing was heroic as one might expect!

Sparse information by a poor writer. Bror Blixen led an interesting life and deserves better.

good read ..takes you right beside them in Africa...

Learned more about Bror. I saw a completely different side of him from the telling in this book

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