

# Online Book Club

## The Rip-Roaring Mystery on the African Safari

### Fascinating Facts

- Kruger National Park was founded by Paul Kruger in 1898 and was originally called the Sabie Game Reserve.
- The puff adder is a venomous viper species that can grow to over six feet long. The puff adder is responsible for more deaths than any other African snake.
- The lion is the second largest cat on the planet with some males weighing over 550 pounds!
- Johannesburg is home to more than three million people, making it the largest city in South Africa.
- Today, Kruger National Park is connected to the Limpopo National Park in Mozambique and the Gonarezhou National Park in Zimbabwe, two of South Africa's neighboring countries.
- Vervet monkeys have cheek pockets for storing food and have blue skin on their stomachs! Europeans exploring Africa commonly took vervet monkeys as pets.
- Visitors to Kruger National Park are warned not to leave food lying about because monkeys and baboons will often steal it.
- When a hippopotamus submerges in water, special muscles keep water from entering its nostrils and ears.

