VISIONS OF AMAZONIA

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THE METHOD TO MY MADNESS

Week 1: March 27  What Is Amazonia?
Week 2: April 3  Native Peoples
Week 3: April 10  The Naturalists
Week 4: April 17  The Anthropologists
Week 5: April 24  The Novelists
Week 6: May 1  The Environmentalists
SCIENCE UNDER THE PORTUGUESE

- Outside the core of the Scientific Revolution (mid-16th to mid-17th)
- Constraints of the Inquisition
- Enlightenment
  - Bourbons in Spain (post 1700)
  - Marquis of Pombal (1750-1777)
- expeditions
FRENCH GEODESIC MISSION

- Ecuador and Lapland (1730s-1740s)
- Charles Marie de la Condamine
- Jorge Juan and Antonio Ulloa
- Equator, meridian arc, length of one meter
- Classic accounts of early scientists
MITAD DEL MUNDO
The Mapmaker's Wife
A True Tale of Love, Murder, and Survival in the Amazon

Robert Whitaker

“Gripping... one of the best books I have read this year”
Daily Telegraph
19th-Century Explorers

- Johan B. R. von Spix & Carl von Martius (1819)
- Prince Adalbert of Prussia (1842)
- William Henry Edwards (1846)
- Francis de Castelnau (1840s)
- Lt. W. L. Herndon (1850)
WILLIAM LEWIS HERNDON
(1813-1857)

- Lieutenant U.S. Navy
- 1851-1852
- Lima, Peru to Belém, Brazil
THE IMPACT OF DARWIN

- Charles Darwin (1809-1882)
- *HMS Beagle* (1831-1836)
THE EXTRAORDINARY TRIO

- Henry Wallace Bates (1825-1892) [1848-59]
- Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913) [1848-52]
- Richard Spruce (1817-1893) [1849-64]
RICHARD SPRUCE
(1817-1893)
HENRY WALLACE BATES
(1825-1892)
ALFRED RUSSEL WALLACE
(1823-1913)

- 1848-52: Brazil
- 1854-62: East Indies
- 1858: letter to Darwin
THEODORE ROOSEVELT
(1913-1914)
PERCY FAWCETT
(1867-1925?)
ALEX SHOUMATOFF (B. 1946)