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Wade Davis is a noted anthropologist and ethnobotanist who has spent more than 25 years studying traditional cultures and plant life in locales ranging from the Canadian Arctic to the rainforests of Amazonia and Borneo.

Davis received degrees in anthropology and ethnobotany from Harvard University. Working under the auspices of the Harvard Botanical Museum, Davis spent more than three years in Amazonia and the Andes collecting some 6,000 botanical specimens and working with 15 indigenous native American ethnic groups.

*Davis has authored nine books, including the award-winning *Light at the Edge of the World: A Journey Through the Realm of Vanishing Cultures*; *The Serpent and the Rainbow*; *Rainforest: Ancient Realm of the Pacific Northwest*; and *One River: Explorations and Discoveries in the Amazon Rain Forest*. The latter follows the footsteps of Davis's mentor, Harvard ethnobotanist Richard Evans Schultes, to explore the history, anthropology, and botany of the leaf blight that destroyed the indigenous rubber plantations of Brazil in the early 20th century. According to a reviewer, "One River is a magnificent, meandering journey of three generations of intrepid ethnobotanists, scientists/explorers whose passions lay in discovering plants that might cure ills or illuminate the lives of others" (Boston Globe Book Review 10/28/96).*

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