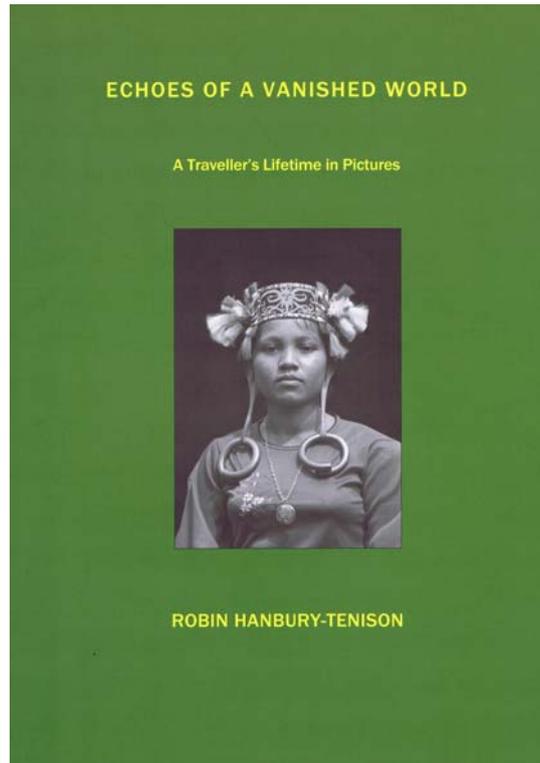


# Echoes of a Vanished World: A Traveller's Lifetime in Pictures

## Robin Hanbury-Tenison

### PRESS RELEASE



Tinjar River, Sarawak, Borneo 1976

Olivier Exhibition Space, the National Theatre  
14 January – 10 March, 2013

Robin Hanbury-Tenison, the 'greatest explorer of the last twenty years' (Sunday Times, 1982) is also one of the founders of Survival International. As such, he has been a tireless champion of the rights of tribal peoples and, in the early years of his travels, a reluctant photographer, of their homelands as they were eroded by the modern world, since he preferred to look, listen and try to understand.

Hanbury-Tenison photographed extensively and collected objects from remote tribal people while travelling during the 50s, 60s and 70s. These objects and images were unearthed recently to create the exhibition, many having not been looked at for fifty years.

Robin Hanbury-Tenison, OBE, (76) is a founder and president of Survival International, the world's leading organisation supporting tribal peoples. He has been on over 30 expeditions, including as leader of the Royal Geographical Society's largest expedition, taking 115 scientists to study the rainforests of Sarawak. This research and his book, *Mulu: the Rainforest*, were instrumental in galvanising international concern for tropical rainforests.

His publications, *Echoes of a Vanished World: A Traveller's Lifetime in Pictures* with an introduction by Joanne Harris and *Beauty Freely Given: A Universal Truth, Artefacts from the Collection of Robin Hanbury-Tenison*.

"his images speak directly to us in a voice that is fresh and clear. There is nothing self-conscious or patronizing about his photographs, or his prose. Instead there is deep admiration, a sense of wonder, respect and a desire to share what he sees with a world that has grown increasingly out of touch with the things that really matter". "This stunning archive is not just a portal into a series of vanished places. It is not just a collection of stories, or even just a memoir of an era of exploration. It is a reminder of what we share, as human beings, with the rest of the world."

Joanne Harris, author of *Chocolat*.

**Publications details:**

Echoes of a Vanished World: A Traveller's Lifetime in Pictures by Robin Hanbury-Tenison

Introduction by Joanne Harris

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Beauty Freely Given: A Universal Truth, Artefacts from the Collection of Robin Hanbury-Tenison

Foreword by Graham Ovenden

Available from <http://nickyakehurst.com/photographers/RobinHanburyTenison/publications.html>

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**Content:**

The exhibition comprises of 45 works mounted and framed –

26 x vertical : 76x58.5cm and 19 x horizontal : 58.5x76cm - 32.61 metres

**List of Images** (from the book plates Echoes of a Vanished World: a Traveller's Lifetime in Pictures):

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The touring exhibition is being coordinated by Akehurst Creative Management. For details of talks, photographs, books, talks, book signing, events and the exhibition availability and all other information including fee, terms and conditions, and contracts please contact:

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