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but that's the power unleashed in following one's dreams. Jason Schoonover's book
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*Following an adventurous dream is not always easy—or everyone would be doing it! Recognizing early that it's
going to be a struggle prepares you for the obstacles ahead—and they never end. Think of Jason Schoonover's
book as a guidebook of lives that have followed the same compass heading.*

-Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Guinness Book of World Records “world's greatest living explorer”

In the pages of *Adventurous Dreams, Adventurous Lives*, 120 outstanding individuals, representing a Who's Who of international exploration, relate those indelible moments in their youth when the dreams that launched their remarkable lives were born. As they recount the turning points on the way to fulfilling those dreams, which often meant confronting enormous physical, emotional or other obstacles, we learn how incredibly inspirational their lives are.

Included in the project are Meave and Louise Leakey, Buzz Aldrin, Robert Ballard, balloonists Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones, Sir Ranulph Fiennes, “Lucy” discoverer Don Johanson, Jack Horner, Sue Hendrickson, Jean-Michel Cousteau, the *Ra's* Capt. Norman Baker, George Bass, Eugenie Clark, Richard Fisher, *Trieste's* Don Walsh, and Nobel Laureate Charles H. Townes.

Jason Schoonover is the author of the adventure thriller *Thai Gold*, which sold 125,000 copies for Bantam internationally in paperback and for Seal nationally in hardbound as *The Bangkok Collection*. The work has sold a further 5,000 for Asia Books in Thailand, where it and its sequel, *Opium Dream*, have been on the shelves for four years. *Thai Gold* is also currently republished as *Nepal Gold* in Nepal and India by Pilgrims Books. Jason's most recent adventure thriller is *The Manila Galleon*.

After graduating in 1970 with a BA in English and history from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada, Jason Schoonover launched what would become a multimedia career as a radio announcer. He soon moved into writing and has been widely published throughout North America since 1973, mainly as a travel writer in newspapers and magazines, including a stint as a columnist.

Jason Schoonover was elected a Fellow of The Explorers Club in 1986 and currently makes his home in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, and Bangkok, Thailand.

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The 120 Adventurous Dreamers in order of appearance:

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