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Jerry Craven's *The Wild Part*

In 1952, in a botched attempt to hitch a ride to a nearby village, Rosita and Don become lost in a Venezuelan river jungle. The children steal a canoe from a gang of bandits only to float deeper into a world inhabited by vampire bats, Jesus frogs, anacondas, and killer crocodilians. While they find much in the jungle to fill them with wonder and delight, Rosita and Don fast realize that some of the outrageously funny adults along the river might harm or even kill them.

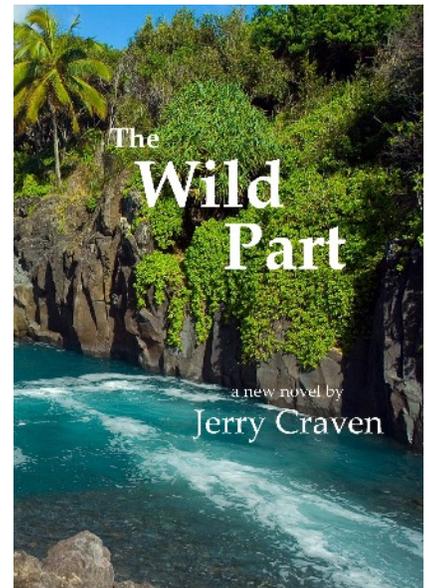
*The Wild Part* shows readers a world of comedy, beauty, and danger through young, unjaded eyes and reminds us all of times when rules were merely guidelines, when the chaos of the present hour offered limitless possibilities, both dangerous and beautiful.

a story based on real people

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From the preface:

While this is a work of fiction, it is based on my own adventures in the wild part of Venezuela. In writing this story, I drew inspiration from Jerzy Kosiński's wonderful book *The Painted Bird*, especially from the way Kosiński turned his experiences in wandering around Europe into a novel. As Kosiński did, I wrote from memory filtered through imagination.



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