

JEREMY WADE BIOGRAPHY

Biologist, Extreme Angler and Host of River Monsters

The world's most fearless fisherman, Jeremy Wade, is a biologist, teacher, writer and television host who has been traveling (mostly solo) to the world's most remote rivers for 30 years. Wade has encountered some of the strangest and most terrifying fish out there and has risked his life more than once to document the stories of hundreds of fish and the cultures where they live. Wade holds a degree in zoology from Bristol University and a postgrad teaching certificate in biological sciences from the University of Kent.

Wade grew up in southeast England on the banks of the Suffolk Stour, where his fascination with the underwater world and the desire to see "what's around the next bend" began. His first overseas trip was to the mountain rivers of India in 1982, and since then, he has increasingly spent his time tracking down large and little-known fish in rivers around the world – particularly in the Congo and the Amazon rainforests.

"I don't see myself as a particularly expert angler," he says, "but I am able to get into the kinds of places where outsiders don't normally go and seem to have enough energy after I get there to put a line in the water. Teaming up with local fishermen is vital to my success, and what's great about this approach is that you get to see and explore diverse human cultures too."

In between catching fish (or, on some journeys, not catching fish), Wade has also managed to catch malaria, be detained as a suspected spy, narrowly escape drowning, avoid gun-toting renegades and survive a plane crash. In 1992, he co-wrote *Somewhere Down the Crazy River* – a book that is considered to be one of the classics of angling literature. He has also written on travel and natural history for publications including The Times, Guardian, Sunday Telegraph, The Field and BBC Wildlife. His latest book, [*River Monsters: True Stories of the Ones That Didn't Get Away*](#), was published in April 2011.

His first television series, **JUNGLE HOOKS**, filmed in 2002 for Discovery Europe, was one of the most-watched shows on multichannel television when it was released and has since been seen by audiences around the world. **RIVER MONSTERS**, his most recent and most iconic series, is the most-watched series in the history of Animal Planet, and has been since its debut in April 2009.

When he's not beside a remote river, Jeremy lives in the countryside of Somerset, England.