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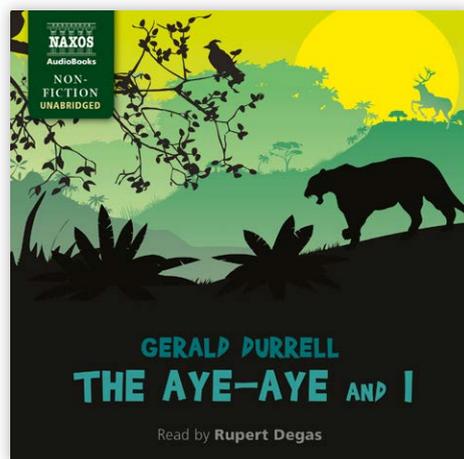
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# GERALD DURRELL THE AYE-AYE AND I

Gerald Durrell's last book, *The Aye-Aye and I* records his final animal-collecting expedition, a trip to Madagascar in 1990, and his efforts to save the elusive and mythical lemuroid known as the Aye-Aye. Prompted by the country's radical deforestation, and slash-and-burn agriculture, Durrell, his wife, and their team of zoologists embark on a mission to capture and conserve the species – distinguished by its 'giant, chisel-like teeth', 'round, hypnotic eyes' and large 'spoon-like ears'. During the course of their journey, they encounter golden river snakes, flat-tailed tortoises, the gentle lemurs of Lac Alaotra, and the Malagasy chameleons. Durrell's exuberant descriptions of the island, its people and ecology are among his best.



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<b>2</b>	<b>Chapter 1: The Vanishing Lake</b>	9:03	<b>21</b>	I found myself in an irritating personal...	10:25
<b>3</b>	All this takes place in the bar of the Hotel...	9:46	<b>22</b>	It was Madame's birthday that day and...	8:26
<b>4</b>	Our flight to Ambatondrazaka, the largest...	9:42	<b>23</b>	<b>Chapter 7: Verity the Vespertine</b>	10:57
<b>5</b>	Meanwhile, Mihanta had discovered...	10:34	<b>24</b>	That night, Lee fed Verity on a curious diet...	9:26
<b>6</b>	<b>Chapter 2: A Flood of Lemurs</b>	9:59	<b>25</b>	We were in the process of drinking...	8:27
<b>7</b>	We were now in a predicament.	10:55	<b>26</b>	Another character who became well known...	6:57
<b>8</b>	In a village nearby, Mihanta did his...	8:01	<b>27</b>	Camp routine was now getting under way.	8:20
<b>9</b>	The scheme has been an enormous...	7:52	<b>28</b>	<b>Chapter 8: The Soothsayer's Apprentices</b>	8:18
<b>10</b>	<b>Chapter 3: An Interlude with Yniphora</b>	12:32	<b>29</b>	Another story concerns a real animal...	12:16
<b>11</b>	'Come on,' I said to Lee, 'you've crooned...'	13:09	<b>30</b>	While we were staying at the hotely in...	9:16
<b>12</b>	<b>Chapter 4: Jumping Rats and Kapidolo</b>	12:50	<b>31</b>	<b>Chapter 9: The Arrival of the Aye-Aye</b>	7:51
<b>13</b>	We turned off into a sizeable clearing...	13:14	<b>32</b>	That night, as we watched Verity making...	10:14
<b>14</b>	When we got back to camp, we got our...	9:06	<b>33</b>	Erickson has given the aye-aye's tapping...	9:51
<b>15</b>	During the next few days we added...	8:42	<b>34</b>	<b>Chapter 10: The Flight of the Magic Finger</b>	5:41
<b>16</b>	<b>Chapter 5: The Hunt Begins</b>	12:49	<b>35</b>	The pace now hotted up. Having found...	7:15
<b>17</b>	As we got nearer to Tamatave, we drove...	9:43	<b>36</b>	In the event, things worked out smoothly...	7:24
<b>18</b>	The road now wound its way upwards into...	8:25	<b>37</b>	It was clear that the Mascarene flora...	8:22
<b>19</b>	To add to our joy, it had now begun to rain...	8:32	<b>38</b>	The island, once thickly forested by palms...	7:05

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