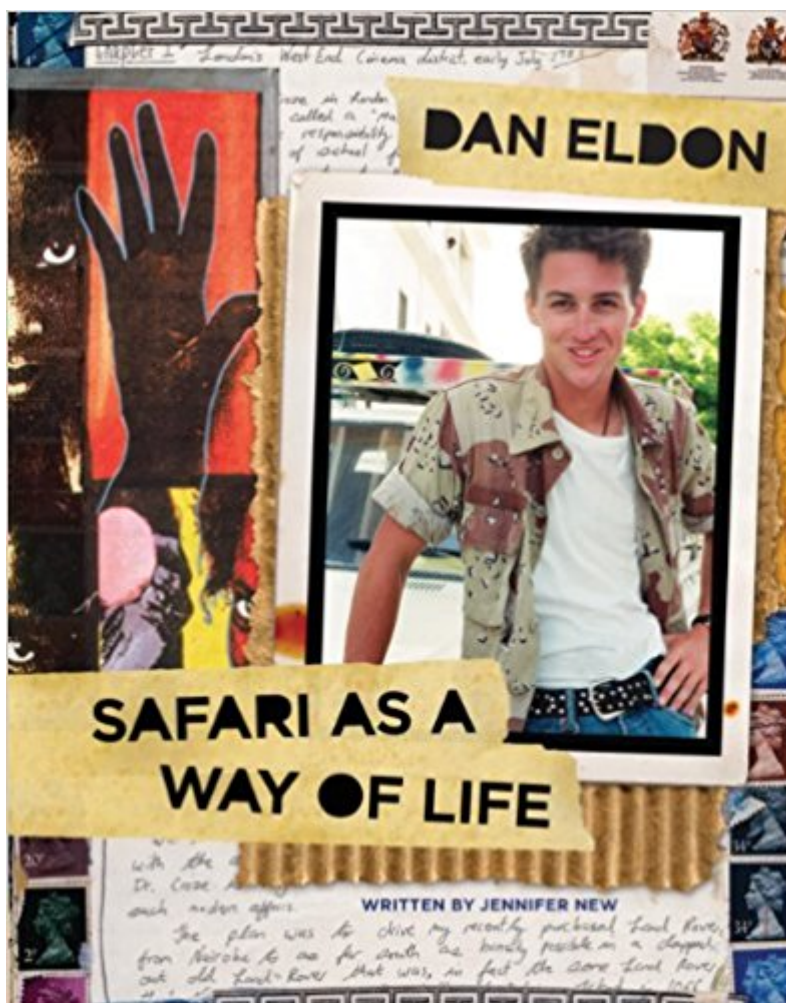


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# Dan Eldon: Safari As A Way Of Life



## Synopsis

Photojournalist Dan Eldon left behind much more than the astonishing illustrated journals that would form *The Journey is the Destination* when he lost his life at age twenty-two while on assignment in Somalia. He also bequeathed a life story that has inspired students, teachers, artists, and creative activists—as well as a forthcoming film, an apparel line, and the Spring 2011 collection from Tom's Shoes. Raised in Kenya, Dan grew up with a unique outlook on life. Through adventurous safaris and benevolent crusades around the world, he crafted a philosophy of curiosity, creativity, and charity. This unique visual biography showcases previously unpublished artwork from Dan's acclaimed journals, letters, and snapshots that takes readers on a journey through Dan's life and beyond, exploring the impact made by this remarkable artist on everyone who has encountered his story.

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"Will intrigue high school students, who will be fascinated by this adventurous spirit and the tragedy of a life cut short" - School Library Journal

Jennifer New is the author of *Dan Eldon: The Art of Life*. She has worked extensively with Dan Eldon's family and friends to research his life story. Jennifer lives in Iowa City, Iowa.

This is seriously one of my favorite books. Dan Eldon's life, photojournalism work, activism, and his

absolute creativity within his journals is simply inspiring. His free spirited, fearless personality is extremely admirable and unique. Dan not only affected the lives of people during his short life of 22 years, but after his death as well. He led an incredible life and his legacy lives on. This book tell the story of his life, but there is more artwork and photos from his journal entries in this book than words. But, each one of his drawings tells a different story. His journal entries aren't photos that you just look at for a second and flip the page. They are intriguing, and they draw you in. It can be a quick read, but you can also spend hours admiring his work, and the details in his drawings and photography. You will feel as if you knew him after you finish the book. Dan makes you want to make a difference in the world, and to explore as far and as much as you can. Absolutely recommended.

Superb book about an amazing young photojournalist who lived his life to its fullest while creating the most brilliant art ever. He was a human Photoshop long before the program was ever envisioned. Great subject and incredible writing by Jennifer New.

And this book is terrific. It has some new content but not heaps - if you have the previous books on Dan's life, you may feel there isn't enough new stuff to entice you. There is some though and, for me personally, that was enough and I am happy with the purchase. The overriding factor for me is the absolute inspiration Dan Eldon's journals bring to me - he is hands down my favourite journalist and his death, 20 years on, is still a tragedy. If you want a glimpse inside the mind of an avid journal keeper, photographer and journalist (in the true sense of the word) then this is a must have book.

Magnificent book of reproductions of Dan Eldon's journals. Amazing and inspiring young man. I also recommend the book written by his mother, Kathy Eldon.

This book is amazing. If you are a creative this book and the documentary should be in your collection. I have been very inspired by Dan Eldon.

Wonderful book about a wonderful guy. Inspiring.

The book is a wonderful addition to my collection of Dan Eldon books.

I love the design of this book. It incorporates the story of photojournalist and activist Dan Eldon's life

and the impact he made on others - even after his death - with images and pages from his art journals. The printed book itself has the feel of an art journal, thanks to the layout and the fact that art Dan made are attached as inserts or stuck onto some pages as postcards, pullout pages and postcards. This book is an excellent visual biography but if you have read about his life, you may not learn much from *Dan Eldon: Safari as a Way of Life*. It's a bit of a biography lite in terms of how his story is told in text. It's a good summary but there is little detailed commentary and not enough anecdotes recounted by friends and family. But you do get a good sense of the person he was, how he saw the world, how he lived his life and how he tried to make a difference. That Dan Eldon was a creative and unique individual who led an extraordinary life comes through in the book. It shows he combined the opportunities and privileges he enjoyed as an expat kid growing up in Africa with his curiosity, compassion and love for life in a remarkable way that left imprints on numerous other lives during his lifetime and after he was tragically killed at age 22 while on assignment in Somalia. Dan Eldon left his mark in an indelible way. There is a chapter at the end on the works and missions of some people who were inspired by him to do good, start movements and help change the world in their own ways. You might well be inspired to do the same if you read this superbly presented and inspirational book. 4.5

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