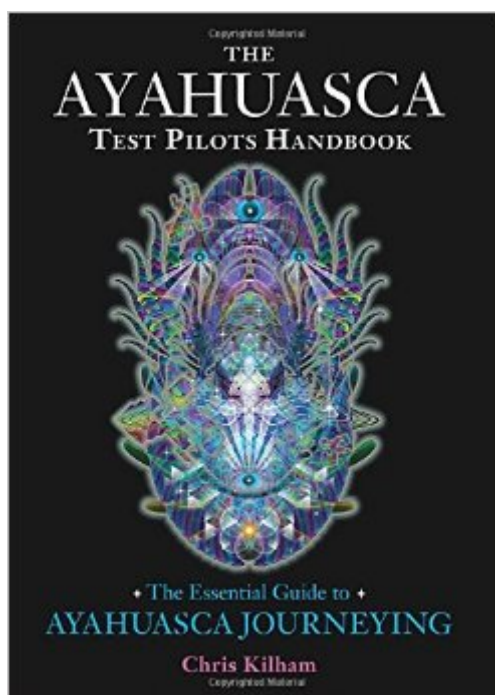


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The Ayahuasca Test Pilots Handbook: The Essential Guide To Ayahuasca Journeying



Synopsis

The Ayahuasca Test Pilots Handbook provides a practical guide to ayahuasca use, aiding seekers in making right and safe decisions about where to go, who to drink with, and what to expect. Ayahuasca, the ancient psychoactive plant brew, has become vastly popular. Once the sole purview of shamans and indigenous native people in the great rainforest, ayahuasca is now becoming well known and widely used around the globe. Today, foreigners from all over the world flock in ever-burgeoning numbers to the steamy , drinking bitter ayahuasca with shamans and curanderos in order to access its potent healing and spirit-enlivening effects. What began as a mere trickle of visitors in the 1980s has become a surging riptide of seekers. Chris Kilham (Fox News's "Medicine Hunter") has worked closely with South American shamans for two decades and has sat in ayahuasca ceremonies with at least 20 different shamans. Through his "Ayahuasca Test Pilots" program, Kilham has brought numerous people to the to engage in ceremonies with maestro ayahuasceros. Clear, concise, straightforward, and well informed, The Ayahuasca Test Pilots Handbook is an indispensable guide for anyone curious about this unusual plant medicine.

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Customer Reviews

I read 3 times. While nothing can really prepare you for the "journey", this book is as close as it gets in my opinion. I don't give 5 stars so people know I'm not some paid hack. If you are reading this, then you are obviously considering doing it. Your life will never be the same. Stop hesitating and take the plunge. Once your 3rd eye has been opened, it's like being reborn. Peace and love to you my friend.

Having just returned (3 days earlier) from 18 days of living with 2 separate Shuar shaman families in Morona Santiago, Ecuador, this book caught my eye. In those 18 days I attended 16 ceremonies, the majority of those with Natem, the Shuar word for ayahuasca. I can say from personal experience that this book should be considered a necessary element for anyone who has even the slightest interest in personal growth through the use of ayahuasca. My journey to the Shuar was my first experience with ayahuasca and while I had read deeply and broadly for years previously, the author's own experience and research provided me with new knowledge. I am fortunate enough to be retired (age 67) and traveling solo in the Andean portion of South America. I hope to meet up with other Test Pilots and share flight plans.

This is an essential tour guide for those who explore inner space. Unlike so many writings which focus simply on how to get there, the Tests Pilots handbook bravely guides you on how to navigate the terrain when you do get there--including the key spiritual doctrine of "Ask for what you want!" It seems the collective reality experienced with Ayahuasca is an immense and novel space, full of spiritual treasures and risks, where we are truly children. Like any child new to a big big city, it is critical to have proper guidance and protection. This is what the Consciousness of the Ayahuasca gives you (obviously massively!) on the innerpaths, that a chemical alone does not. Practical and important guidance is also offered on a day to day level. A fun Must Read for those who would travel inner space!

I have read many of the books written about ayahuasca and the Ayahuasca Test Pilots Handbook really is one of the essential guides. I like that Mr. Kilham personalizes the account with first hand stories of his journeys, where he went, and who the shaman was. He knows ayahuasca is not right for everyone. "This is solely a matter of self-determination". He thinks it is important to begin the ceremony with your intentions. Ask the spirit of ayahuasca what you want to accomplish. Be proactive to get what you need. Don't approach ayahuasca uninformed. Read this book first.

Very well written and informative. I have read several books on the subject and this would be a great one if it's the only one that you read. However, he does not go into the biochemistry and physiology of ayahuasca very much as do Dr. Rick Strassman or Dr. Ralph Metzner or others if you are interested in that.

Terence McKenna said that DMT is the doorway to the post-death state. When you smoke DMT, you rip through to the ecology of souls. The post-death reality for which this apparent living world we now inhabit is but a shadow, is revealed, at last, by DMT. Those who've never dried DMT live in the shadows all of their lives, not noticing the reality there but hidden by the optical illusion of the consensus trance. The Catholics tried to ban Galileo's telescope to keep power. Today, the reason for the worldwide DMT ban is that the world government wants us to remain permanently in financial turmoil, like slaves on a wheel, shopping for the sake of shopping, eating burgers and sports, with nothing higher to strive for. For with nothing to strive for but mortgage payments, the modern human is getting more stuck to the forces of bondage. DMT will be the antidote.

This was a great read! Really insightful on ayahuasca and gives a good sense of how to get a full experience of it. It doesn't enforce anything on you but gives you lots of helpful tips, ideas, and ways to get the fullest experience out of ayahuasca. Helpful on letting you know harmful plants and dark shamans as well. A really great general knowledge for anyone interested in journeying with La Medicina. I can not wait to have an experience of my own but this book has made me much more knowledgeable on what to do in order to have a good experience using ayahuasca. For anyone who is expecting this book to go in detail about an ayahuasca experience it touches on it but it can't fully describe it because everyone will have their own experience. It's more helpful to learn about the plants it comes from, shamans, and tips to make your experience happen in the most useful way possible than describing only his experience with the drink.

so far this is the best overview-intro to an ayahuasca journey to the (the one in south america). there are several really good books on this subject but i think kilham's book cuts through the mysteries involved as well as can be expected. i've taken this journey a few times myself.

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