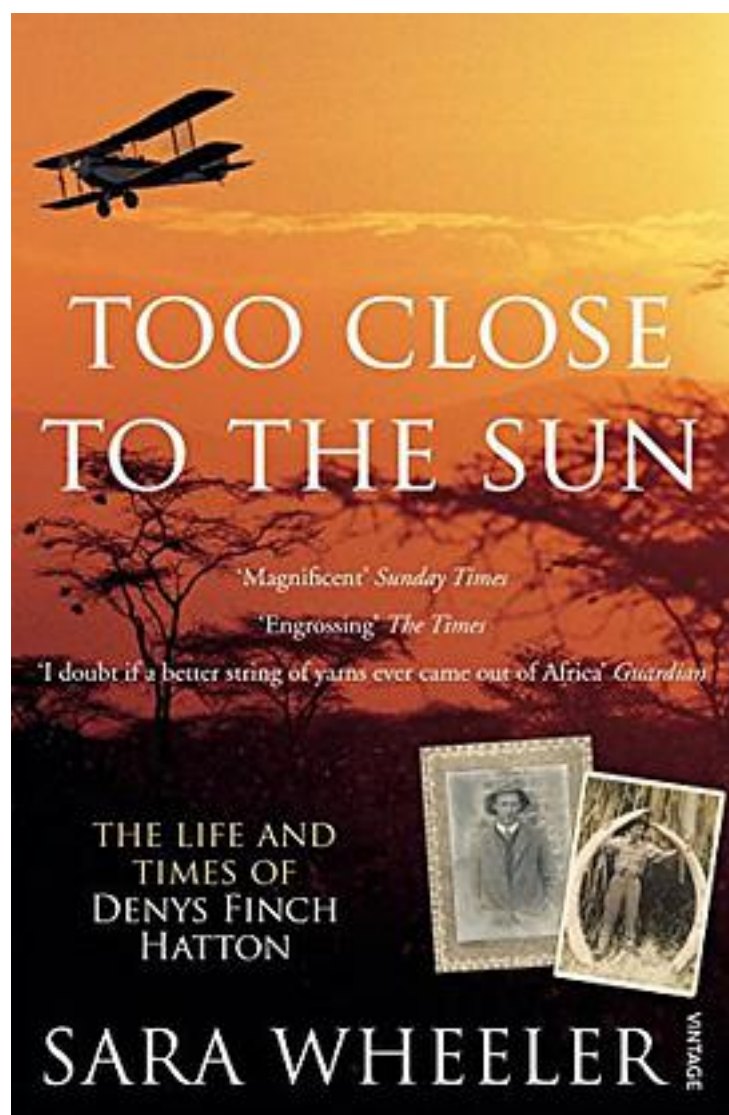


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Conservationist, scholar, soldier, white hunter and fabled lover – Denys Finch Hatton was an aristocrat of leonine nonchalance. After a dazzling career at Eton and Oxford, he sailed in 1910 for British East Africa. There he first had an affair with the glamorous aviatrix Beryl Markham, and then – famously – with Karen Blixen, a romance immortalised in her memoir *Out of Africa*. ‘No one who ever met him,’ his *Times* obituary concluded, ‘whether man or woman, old or young, white or black, failed to come under his spell.’ *Too Close to the Sun* is a story of big guns and small planes, princes from England and sultans from Zanzibar, marauding lions, syphilis, self-destruction and the tragedy of the human heart. Sara Wheeler tracks her quarry from a dreamlike Edwardian childhood in a Lincolnshire mansion through to the battlefields of the East African campaign – one of the last remaining untold stories of the First World War. An elusive hero in the mythic story of the British settlers in East Africa, Finch Hatton was the open road made flesh, and Wheeler uses his biography to illuminate a generation.

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评论

有些琐碎，不过八卦不少

七个哥特故事的《做梦的人》红发英国人林肯·佛斯内尔原型是丹尼斯，青少年时期，他交过几个女朋友。在大学里主要开拓运动事业，四等成绩毕业。喜欢异域风情的波西米亚女子。据友人回忆，唯命是从的女人无法吸引他。那个时期还因为赌博输掉了钱。丹尼斯二十出头就秃的很明显了，布里克森曾两次声称怀有丹尼斯的孩子，她曾计划叫孩子丹尼尔，还要把他送去伊顿读书。进入四十岁的丹尼斯比起枪更喜欢带着相机狩猎旅行。丹尼斯的财产分配计划里完全没有提到布里克森。留下的钱很少，都给了家庭。他和布里克森在非洲的事业都不好，曾有人提议让他也参与把咖啡公司盘下来的计划，但是他没上心过。与布里克森关系恶化后，他仍和情人前夫一起去狩猎旅行，意与她保持对立。飞机事故发生之前，她要求他带她去沃伊，他以旅程艰难辛苦推辞了。实际上他完全不想带她去

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