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TITLE: Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know by Sir Ranulph Fiennes (Kindle Edition)

PUBLICATION: Hodder & Stoughton (2009), 416 pp.

FIRST SENTENCE: "The Guinness Book of Records described me as the 'youngest posthumous baronet'."

REVIEW (max. 150 words):

The World's Greatest Living Explorer, Sir Ranulph Fiennes is an incredible person. His clever wit and often mistrust of Norwegians grabs your attention which I can confirm having heard his talk at the RGS on September 18, 2016.

The title of this book, taken from what his father-in-law used to call him, was first published in 2007, and is a thrilling narrative that is so bold that you often forget the perils as you are led through his expeditions, travels, and experiences throughout his life. As a former SAS soldier, Fiennes pushes his limits to conquer the undone. He was the first man to reach both the North and the South poles by surface travel and the first to cross the Antarctic Continent unsupported. He was awarded an OBE in 1993 for "human endeavour and charitable services" as well as the Polar medal for both Antarctic and the Arctic regions.

QUOTES: "But then I remembered that the London sewage system provides Londoners with oft-recycled drinking water without even the safeguard of its being boiled on Kenton's gas stove."

RATING: Excellent. 4 stars.
