

# OLIVER STEEDS

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## EXPLORE – DISCOVER - REPORT

*“It’s incredible he’s survived so long – but it’s down to his mastery of managing risk and surviving in the most hostile environments. Delightfully entertaining, provocative, and challenging. As he says ‘we cant predict the future, but how we manage risk, will define it’.*

***Claudia Glasser, CEO, Jump Associates***

From the Royal Geographical Society to the Entertainment Gathering, from boardrooms of multi-nationals to public lecture halls, and from conferences and seminars, to workshops and dinners, Oliver combines his unique life experience on the frontiers of exploration and adventure with his award winning communication skills honed on the frontlines of investigative reporting to wake and shake audiences around the world.

Oliver’s talks come to life through powerful film footage whilst his humility, openness, and humour in the face of making mistakes in some of the most extraordinarily dangerous and hostile environments, ensures audiences can empathise whilst being both entertained and inspired.



Elements vital to Oliver’s success, indeed survival, include focussed motivation, discipline, humour, patience, persistence, tolerance, team-work, finding solutions, flexibility, goal-setting - all skills he has honed in the face of real and present dangers – skills

transferable and relevant to any challenging activity in the increasingly competitive business world.

Oliver (Olly) is a frontline investigative journalist and one of the most influential and pioneering explorers of his generation. He is the youngest featured alongside such greats as Sir Ran Fiennes, Buzz Aldrin and Dr. Jane Goodall in ‘*Faces of Exploration: Encounters with 50 Pioneers*’, where he’s described as:

***“A representative of the new generation:  
modern, media savvy, high-tech, digital adventurer.”***

He’s always been an explorer, but not always successful. Aged 5, he jumped out of tree with a brick in a bid to understand gravity. His failure left him with 10 stitches in his head but a desire to learn more. Since then Oliver hasn’t looked back: ‘*Adventures are the mark of the incompetence*’, he says, ‘*the greater the mistakes, the greater the adventure, the more you learn*’, a theme that often resonates in his talks.

Men’s Health says he ‘*defines the new generation of exploration*’, ABC call him ‘*A 21st Century Indiana Jones*’ whilst Discovery say ‘*he’s part Indiana Jones, part Jason Bourne, part Woodward & Bernstein*’.

With over 100 countries under his belt, hosting over 50 hours of critically acclaimed international primetime television and investigative documentaries – his resume is unique: he’s lived with tribes of cannibals, walk 1250 kilometers across the Gobi Desert for his survival, escaped a contract from a drug cartel in Central America, been smuggled into Burma by a rebel army, filmed undercover in Al Qaeda gun-markets and North Korean brothels, been in search of the Ark of the Covenant, Atlantis, Nazi Treasure and El Dorado (The Lost City of Gold), escaped from the People’s Liberation Army, ran six consecutive marathons across the Sahara, been jailed on trumped-up charges of espionage in a number of different countries and even lead a Royal Geographical Society Expedition to research the Grass Silk Road.



Oliver is a very popular TV personality, hosting ‘*Solving History with Olly Steeds*’ on the Discovery Channel in the US and Worldwide and 3 acclaimed immersive tribal series on the Travel Channel – ‘*Living with the Kombai*’, ‘*Living with the Mek*’ and ‘*Living with the Machigenga*’ and ‘*Presidential Tours*’. Oliver is Director of educational charity Digital Explorer ([www.digitalexplorer.com](http://www.digitalexplorer.com)) that brings the ‘world to the classroom’ and founder of the Academy of Exploration. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, the Explorers Club, and the Scientific Exploration Society.

In the UK, he reports for the leading international investigative series ‘*Unreported World*’ and his reports have featured on ABC News, ABC Nightline, BBC, Channel 4 and Al Jazeera amongst others. The Sunday Times have called his reports ‘*blunt and harrowing*’, the Guardian say he’s ‘*brisk, bracing and powerfully direct*’. Oliver formerly managed ABC News’ Asia operations from their Beijing HQ. Having studied at the People’s University in Beijing, Oliver speaks Mandarin as well as French and some tribal languages (by his own admission ‘rather badly’).

**Topics include:**

- ‘*Nine Lives: Surviving the Frontlines*’
- ‘*We’re all Explorers: because we’ve all got something new to learn*’
- ‘*Tribal Intelligence: The Wisdom of the Past, Solutions for the Future*’
- ‘*Risky Business: A life of Adventure*’

“Oliver is a terrific presenter, thoughtful and with endless adventures, boundless curiosity and marvelous enthusiasm”

**Mike, Director, MIT**

“All the hubris of one of Benedict Allen’s video dairies, but better pictures... funny, funny, funny”

**Sunday Times**

“Enthral your grandchildren”

**BBC Radio Times**