Extreme Angler Jeremy Wade returns to explore the myths of the deep and hook more freshwater finned predators with the potential to kill in new 8 part series launching ITV1, January 1st 2013

In the fourth series of ITV's hit River Monsters with Jeremy Wade angler adventurer Jeremy takes the viewers on new adventures, as he unpicks freshwater fish tales finding that fact can be stranger than fiction. His quests include:

**Phantom Assassin – Glyphis Shark, Australia**
Extreme angler Jeremy Wade returns to Australia's deadly Fitzroy River on his toughest quest yet - to catch one of the world’s rarest fish, the Glyphis Shark. It is so elusive that it was only discovered 10 years ago; so rare that only a handful have ever been seen; and so mysterious that next to nothing is known about it. But could this endangered rarity be a man-eater? Braving killer crocodiles, dangerous fish and deadly tides, can Jeremy become one of the first people ever to catch a Glyphis? And can he discover whether it has been preying on people?

**American Killer Catfish - Flathead Catfish, Missouri**
As humans encroach on the world of animals, extreme angler Jeremy Wade hears reports of attacks happening in tourist hotspots in the USA. He travels to one of the largest dams in the America, on the trail of a river monster that is responsible for the mysterious disappearance of corpses. Jeremy goes in search of the people who’ve encountered this beast face to face and attempts to get one on the end of his line. Will Jeremy be willing to risk it all by using himself as bait, in order to find the creature behind the myth and unearth the mystery of the missing corpses?
Pack of Teeth – Tiger Fish, Botswana
In southern Africa there are rumours of a deadly fish. It lurks unseen in the eerie waters of the Okavango. A killer with shark like teeth, there are stories of it hunting in packs, feeding in frenzies on schooling fish, or even human bodies. It sounds like the work of giant piranhas but there’s nothing like that here. Or is there? Extreme angler Jeremy Wade is on a mission to see if he can track down and identify this terrifying river monster.

Invisible executioner – Vundu Catfish, Zambezi
Jeremy Wade takes on Africa's wild Zambezi River to unmask an invisible predator that's dragging fisherman to their deaths. Crocs and hippo's are guilty of killing dozens of victims in plain view, yet it seems there is another monstrous beast stalking these deep and turbulent waters. Locals speak of the 'Mazunda', but what is this sinister, child-swallowing creature? Plunging gorges and boat-battering rapids make the Zambezi one of the most treacherous places Jeremy has ever fished. But when he hears an eyewitness account of a fifteen foot leviathan, there is no turning back.

Mongolian Mauler – Taimen, Mongolia
When Jeremy hears of a recent bloody attack in a remote Mongolian river, he wonders if it could be the work of a giant fish so rare that it’s more legend than fact. Pound for pound, this man-sized monster is said to be one of the world's strongest fighters on a line – or at least, it was. With illegal gold miners poisoning its last hideouts, it's anyone's guess if this pumped-up predator is still alive and biting. Jeremy's quest to track it down leads him into a vast landlocked wilderness where the only people he’s likely to meet are gun-toting outlaws. Could the rivers here still be home to the last remaining stronghold of a beast that Jeremy has read about but never seen?

American Shark – Bull Shark, Florida
Jeremy Wade travels to Florida, one of America's prime tourist hotspots, following reports of fatal attacks in its waterways. Jeremy attempts to track down a survivor of a brutal attack to find out how best to catch one of his most fearsome adversaries. On his journey, he teams up with a weathered expert and catches one of his biggest ever river monsters.
But will he find out if the sunshine state’s urban waterways are a stronghold for perhaps the most feared river monster known to man? There's only one way to find out...

Asian Slayer - Sareng Catfish, Northern India
Obsessive angler Jeremy Wade returns to the remote rivers of India’s Himalayas to investigate a fresh spate of savage attacks. Jeremy thinks he knows the perpetrator’s identity, but his plans to catch the monster hit trouble when the locals warn him that it’s a sacred animal and he’ll be cursed if he touches it.
Not a man to turn back, Jeremy pursues his quarry regardless - but as things start to go badly wrong the hunt takes on an unnerving psychological dimension. Will Wade’s single-minded determination triumph over the Gods, or will this prove a beast too far?
Russian Killer - Kaluga Sturgeon, Russia

Extreme angler Jeremy Wade heads to Russia’s remote Amur River, where the mysterious deaths of three men appear to be linked with a reclusive freshwater giant. The prime suspect is a predator that can top a ton and exceed eighteen feet in length – yet it’s a beast that for some reason, no-one wants Jeremy to find.

With his investigation running into an unprecedented wall of silence, Jeremy begins to suspect he’s stumbled into a dark secret he isn’t meant to know. Can he make sense of the bizarre triple homicide? And can he track down the fish he believes is responsible?

River Monsters season 4 starts Tuesday Jan 1st at 6pm on ITV1.
A full one-hour long version will be repeated on ITV4 at 9pm every Wednesday.
A tale of obsession, adventure and very rare fish, published by Orion is now available in paperback.

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