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Walking The Himalayas: An Adventure Of Survival And Endurance





Synopsis

WINNER OF THE 2016 EDWARD STANFORD ADVENTURE TRAVEL BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD'Levison Wood has breathed new life into adventure travel.' Michael Palin'Levison Wood is a great adventurer and a wonderful storyteller.' Sir Ranulph Fiennes'Britain's best-loved adventurer... he looks like a man who will stare danger in the face and soak up a lot of pain without complaint.' The TimesFollowing in in the footsteps of the great explorers, WALKING THE HIMALAYAS is Levison Wood's enthralling account of crossing the Himalayas on foot. His journey of discovery along the path of the ancient trade route of the Silk Road to the forgotten kingdom of Bhutan led him beyond the safety of the tourist trail. There lies the real world of the Himalayas, where ex-paratrooper Levison Wood encountered natural disasters, extremists, nomadic goat herders, shamans (and the Dalai Lama) in his 1,700-mile trek across the roof of the world. WALKING THE HIMALAYAS is a tale of courage, stamina and the kindness of strangers that will appeal to the adventurer in us all.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I stumbled onto this author via a comment on Instagram about a month ago, and I'm so glad I did. Lev's writing is filled with history, insight and emotion - usually all at the same time. His journey through the Himalayas is both heart-warming and, at times, terrifying. It's is a journey of the soul, of the body, and of the heart. I devoured this book, and each time I had to pause in reading, my thoughts wandered back to it wondering what would come next. I was always grateful when I had a window in which to pick it up again. This book is filled with grace, humor, and intelligence. I highly recommend it. And now I'm off to purchase "Walking the Nile"...

For anyone who likes to walk on trails throughout the world,or anywhere, this book is a must. It is honest, riveting and hard to put down. I am about to start his book on Walking the Nile. His books were introduced to me by a cousin who ocean swims 365 days a year regardless of weather. I think she is part fish, and relates to the restlessness of Mr. Woods for adventure. His writing is superb and the reader feels like he is sitting on his shoulder as he depicts each day of travel. It is a fabulous book.

While this started a bit slowly, I thought it finished strong. This book covered Wood's six-month walk of through and near (as best he could) the Himalayas in less than 300 pages. To me, that meant that he definitely focused on the notable events and not the days and days of just trudging along. I found his descriptions of encounters with numerous people in all walks of life very interesting. The fact that he had the money from an advance for writing the book helped him immensely re transportation, accommodations, permits, etc. However, his experience and personality were ultimately critical to the success of this expedition. I listened to this book and ended up buying a hard copy so I could look at the map of his route and the photos taken along the way.

Takes almost 1/3 the book to get started hiking it seems. I haven't finished it.

This was a good read and kept my interest. It seemed to capture elements of walking travel in a beautiful and very poor part of the world. It did not capture my interest like his walking the Nile. I did not feel the author was passionately interested in this work. It was a job.

A walking tour of the Hindu Kush has been my life long dream. Now, I've done it with no more effort or cost than a book purchase and turning pages. Because Mr. Wood referenced Eric Newby, Michael Herr, and Robert Byron, I've also purchased A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush, Dispatches, and The Road to Oxiana. And, like Mr. Wood, the stories and exploits of Rudyard Kipling and Richard Burton fueled a desire for grand adventures, mollified now by Mr. Wood's descriptive prose and lovely photographs.

Excellent...good description of his interaction with the natives and with his guides; country that I have traveled enjoyed the refresher five stars

Love this guy. Have watched Walking the Himalayas and Walking the Nile. Both were informative and entertaining to watch....reason for getting both books. Levison has lived an amazing life so far and can't wait to watch and read about his next adventure. Highly recommend.

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