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MY FIRST SUMMER IN THE SIERRA (Illustrated Edition): Adventure Memoirs, Travel Sketches & Wilderness Studies



Synopsis

When he came to California and finally settled in San Francisco, John Muir immediately left for a visit to Yosemite, a place he had only read about. Seeing it for the first time, Muir noted that "He was overwhelmed by the landscape, scrambling down steep cliff faces to get a closer look at the waterfalls, whooping and howling at the vistas, jumping tirelessly from flower to flower." He climbed a number of mountains, including Cathedral Peak and Mount Dana, and hiked the old Indian trail down Bloody Canyon to Mono Lake. He lived in the cabin for two years, and wrote about this period in his book *My First Summer in the Sierra*. John Muir (1838 - 1914) was a Scottish-American naturalist, author, environmental philosopher and early advocate of preservation of wilderness in the United States. His letters, essays, and books telling of his adventures in nature, especially in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California, have been read by millions. His activism helped to preserve the Yosemite Valley, Sequoia National Park and other wilderness areas. The Sierra Club, which he founded, is a prominent American conservation organization.

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Customer Reviews

My first summer in the Sierra by John Muir Always enjoy the outside, walking discovering new things. Have watched many on the John Muir Trail in CA and watched shows but having it all described is like being there, doing it ourselves. Like listening to his journals and everything he sketches, plant, animal, etc. I received this book from National Library Service for my BARD (Braille Audio Reading Device).

I just love detailed descriptive books about the outdoors . The named locations within the park takes reader to the exact location is just beautiful

Seeing the Sierra through John Muir's eyes - for the first time - as he was and as the Sierra was in 1869 is a priceless gift.

Beautiful written.....

If you are not used to hyperbolic language, this classic can put you off. He probably read Leaves of Grass growing up. It is great to listen to him rhapsodize about the Sierra; at the same time his flock eats every plant around him. This is a comment on the book, not Muir's life or legacy. Great slice of life comments for the time period.

I enjoyed the book very much. There were several parts that were way to technical for me with Mr Muir's description of the plants growing there using scientific names.

great reading!!

Great book, Felt like I was following him on his adventures! One thing that was a little different is how there weren't any chapters but being this is more like a diary it was divided by each day.

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