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## America's Great Mountain Trails

A complete guide to the Appalachian Trail shelters that provide a gathering place and a sense of community along America's most famous footpath. Whether you have spent a night or six months on the Appalachian Trail, every hiker eventually

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experiences one of the trail's iconic lean-tos or huts. More than 250 such backcountry structures exist on the 2,200-mile route, and they have welcomed hikers since the trail's inception in 1937. The Appalachian Trail organizes and assembles every single shelter for the first time in this informative and unique resource packed with trail and shelter photos, information, and detailed maps. Photographer and writer Sarah Jones Decker thru-hiked the AT in 2008 and re-hiked it again in 2018 and 2019 for this massive documentary project. Decker worked with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy--and in collaboration with the trail community of hikers, historians, photographers, writers, and clubs--to produce this first-of-its-kind resource. It is the ideal gift for anyone planning or dreaming of a hike on the AT.

### The Pacific Crest Trail

To coincide with the 2016 centennial anniversary of the National Parks Service, the Creative Action Network has partnered with the National Parks Conservation Association to revive and reimagine the legacy of WPA travel posters. Artists from all over the world have participated in the creation of this new, crowdsourced collection of See America posters for a modern era. Featuring artwork for 75 national parks and monuments across all 50 states, this engaging ebook celebrates the full range of our nation's landmarks and treasured wilderness.

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## The Appalachian Trail

Presents a pictorial celebration of the history, beauty, and significance of the Appalachian Trail.

## Appalachian Odyssey

Analyzes and grades twenty five different hikes around North America, providing detailed maps, photographs, and discussions of the best times to go and potential weather and wildlife hazards.

## A Walk in the Woods

This book is designed to help those people who are considering hiking the Appalachian Trail but do not know where to start. After reading this book the reader will have a complete understanding on what it takes to undertake such a challenge. Not only will you learn how to properly prepare and determine what equipment to take, you will also be able to follow our state-by-state experiences on the trail. You will learn about the magnificent experiences but also the challenging ones that such an adventure encompasses. I hope to dispel some of the myths concerning hiking the AT and encourage those that are hesitant to take the plunge and get outside. The

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book consists of 31 chapters including: History of the Appalachian Trail; Equipment; Clothing; Food; Financial considerations; Illness and injury concerns; Health and hygiene issues; Animals, insects and plants found along the Appalachian Trail; Mental state to accomplish the challenge; Electronics usage; Trail guides; Relationships and people; Shelters and hostels; A 14 state-by-state trail journal from Georgia to Maine; Post-hike reflections; References; Glossary; Trail Facts. I promise that this journey will end up being a defining moment of your time on this earth and may change you in ways you did not expect.

### The Appalachian Trail

"The Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS)"--Colophon.

### The Best of the Appalachian Trail Day Hikes

The Appalachian Trail is one of America's most beloved resources. But few know the story behind the creation of the world's longest hiking-only trail. The project could have died in the pages of a journal had it not been for the efforts of many people--including two, in particular: Benton MacKaye and Myron Avery. While the men shared a common vision, their vastly different personalities meant it was only a matter of time before they had a falling out over plans for the trail. Blazing Ahead:

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Benton MacKaye, Myron Avery, and the Rivalry That Built the Appalachian Trail relays the true but little-known rivalry behind the creation of one of the nation's greatest treasures.

### Classic Hikes of North America

The Appalachian Trail is one of the most iconic hiking trails in the world and a testament to the power of cooperation. Winding through fourteen states from Georgia to Maine, the Trail is cared for by thirty-one trail clubs, numerous partnerships, the National Park Service, and Appalachian Trail Conservancy. At 2,200 miles long, the trail attracts two million hikers per year. In this young reader's book, the author lays out the history of the Appalachian Trail in its many facets. He includes its geological, ecological, and human history, as well as its history as a trail. By weaving these all together, the author allows the reader to better understand the world's longest hiking trail.

### The American Discovery Trail

This book tells of the Appalachian Trail, the scenic north-south trail that connects fourteen states from Maine to Georgia and that winds through mountains, valleys, and meadows.

## Hiking the Appalachian Trail

The first history of the American hiking community and its contributions to the nation's vast network of trails. In the mid-nineteenth century urban walking clubs emerged in the United States. A little more than a century later, tens of millions of Americans were hiking on trails blazed in every region of the country. This groundbreaking book is the first full account of the unique history of the American hiking community and its rich, nationwide culture. Delving into unexplored archives, including those of the Appalachian Mountain Club, Sierra Club, Green Mountain Club, and many others, Silas Chamberlin recounts the activities of hikers who over many decades formed clubs, built trails, and advocated for environmental protection. He also discusses the shifting attitudes of the late 1960s and early 1970s when ideas about traditional volunteerism shifted and new hikers came to see trail blazing and maintenance as government responsibilities. Chamberlin explores the implications for hiking groups, future club leaders, and the millions of others who find happiness, inspiration, and better health on America's trails. "With rich historical context Silas Chamberlin inspires new appreciation for trailblazers, while sharing the legacy of hiking and its growing importance today, as people find their way to a new relationship with the natural world." —Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods* and *Vitamin N* "Chamberlin has demonstrated that what at first looks simple—walking on our own two feet—has a complex history of changing cultural associations, social infrastructure, and national significance." —James Longhurst, University of Wisconsin

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– La Crosse

## The Trails of the Adirondacks

The Power and Magic of the Appalachian Trail By: Donald E. Williams Jr. “Jug” The Power and Magic of the Appalachian Trail is a real life epic tale about a series of hiking trips from Georgia to Maine that Jug and a supporting cast of counselors went on with several groups of multi-ethnic youth. Jug’s sole purpose in conducting these trips was to simply have the youth live in the mountains, catch some panoramic views, feel the pulse of the wild, hoping that the experience would trigger an awakening of the spirit and open up a brand new world that they all could express with love and pride. The trips were not easy. The Appalachian Trail hikes were mentally challenging, physically demanding, and requiring deep soul searching daily. Yet in the end, the explorations were immensely positive and also were enriching experience for the youth. The Appalachian Trail provided a setting that allowed for the openness and freedom where there is no limit to self growth, the greatest trail of all.

## The Appalachian Trail

A 41-year-old engineer quits his job to hike the Appalachian Trail. This is a true

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account of his hike from Georgia to Maine, bringing to the reader the life of the towns and the people he meets along the way.

### The New Exploration

"The Appalachian Trail was proposed by Benton MacKaye in 1921. Over a quarter of the Georgia-to-Maine pathway passes through Virginia, going across some of the state's best mountain scenery and affording access to small-town life. Now a component of the National Park Service, the trail was, and still is, primarily built, maintained, and overseen by volunteers. Selected from the archives of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the National Park Service, and local Appalachian Trail maintenance clubs, the approximately 200 photographs in Images of America: Along Virginia's Appalachian Trail provide a look at life in the mountains before and during the trails creation, how it developed, who its early champions were, the many relocations the trail has experienced, and the volunteers who have constructed and maintained it"--Back cover.

### The Oregon Trail

An inspirational photographic tour for anyone who wants to get out on America's most iconic trail--from day hiker to thru-hiker. The Appalachian Trail spans fourteen

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states from Maine to Georgia and is more than 2,000 miles long. Now, eighty years after its completion, the A.T. remains America's premier hiking trail and is known as "the People's Path." This beautifully illustrated book officially published with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy highlights this legendary footpath with more than 170 spectacular contemporary images taken by the foremost hiking photographer in America. The photographs allow readers to experience the trail as if their boots were on the path--passing by the iconic white trail blazes, taking in the surrounding wilderness at scenic overlooks, meeting other hikers at lean-tos or shelters, and freezing at the sight of a black bear, moose, or other majestic wildlife. This book is perfect for anyone interested in conservation, outdoor recreation, or American history, or for those who dream of one day becoming thru-hikers themselves.

### Thru Hiker's Guide to America

Day hikes in all fourteen states the Appalachian Trail passes through are described in brief, followed by a point-by-point description of the hike and trailhead directions. Hikes range in length from less than a mile to eleven miles.

### All about the Appalachian Trail

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## Craft in America

Like many hikers who 've completed the Appalachian Trail, Jeffrey Ryan didn ' t do it in one long through-hike. Grabbing weekends here and days off there, it took Jeffrey twenty-eight years to finish the trail, and along the way he learned much about himself and made many new friends, including his best friend, who made the journey with him from start to finish. Including 75 color photos, this engaging book is part memoir, part natural history and lore, and part practical advice. Whether you ' ve hiked the AT, are planning to hike it, or only wish to dream of hiking it, this is the book to read next.

## Blazing Ahead

During a culture-shocked exchange year in Japan, fifteen-year-old Lisa Dempster ' s imagination is ignited by the story of the henro michi, an arduous 1200 kilometre Buddhist pilgrimage through the mountains of Japan. Perfectly suiting the romantic view of herself as a dusty, travel-worn explorer (well, one day), she promises to return to Japan and walk the henro michi, one way or another, as soon as humanely possible. Fast-forward thirteen years, and Lisa ' s life is vastly different to what she pictured it would be. Severely depressed, socially withdrawn, overweight, on the dole and living with her mum, she is 28 and miserable. And then, completely by chance,

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the henro michi comes back into her life, through a book at her local library. It ' s a sign. She decides then and there to go back to Japan almost immediately: to walk the henro michi, and walk herself back to health. Brushing aside the barriers that other people might find daunting – the 1200km of mountainous terrain, the sweltering Japanese summer, the fact she has no money and has never done a multi-day hike before – Lisa is determined to walk the pilgrimage, or die trying.

### Along Virginia's Appalachian Trail

Following the successful *The Appalachian Trail*, and New York Times bestseller *America's Great Hiking Trails*, this is the official book on one of America's most iconic hiking trails, and is published in conjunction with the Pacific Crest Trail Association. With a foreword by Cheryl Strayed, maps, rarely seen archival photos and historical ephemera, and stunning contemporary photography, this photo- and information-packed book is an inspirational bucket list for everyone who wants to get out on the trail--from day hiker to thru-hiker. This official book celebrates the history, beauty, and importance of the West Coast's most iconic hiking trail. Designated as one of the first two national scenic trails in 1968, the Pacific Crest Trail is a continuous footpath of more than 2,650 miles--from the Mexican border to the Canadian border through California, Oregon, and Washington. Hikers from all over the world are drawn to this trail to experience true American wilderness and to challenge themselves--whether for two miles or two thousand. The only illustrated

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book officially published with the Pacific Crest Trail Association, The Pacific Crest Trail explores this legendary footpath with more than 250 spectacular contemporary images, unpublished historical photos and documents from the PCTA archives, and even the official trail map folded into an inside pocket. This book is perfect for anyone interested in conservation, outdoor recreation, and for all those who dream of one day becoming thru-hikers themselves.

### Along the Appalachian Trail

A classic in many planning curricula, this is a 1991 reprint of the 1928 work by the originator of the Appalachian Trail and a founder of The Wilderness Society. The New Yorker in a 1989 series by Tony Hiss-analyzing attempts to control growth and preserve the environment-called it a long-lost classic. This edition includes the 1962 introduction by legendary social critic Lewis Mumford, a close MacKaye associate, and a foreword by planner David N. Startzell, executive director of the Appalachian Trail Conference since 1986.

### Hiking Through History

A guide to planning great hiking trips focuses on twenty-five trails selected for their natural beauty and geographic diversity, covering twenty-seven states and two

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Canadian provinces, complete with overview maps, descriptions, daily mileage estimates, and much more. Original. 12,000 first printing.

### Pony Express

Important Notice: The digital edition of this book may not contain all of the images found in the physical edition.

### Black Heart on the Appalachian Trail

Emma Gatewood told her family she was going on a walk and left her small Ohio hometown with a change of clothes and less than two hundred dollars. The next anybody heard from her, this genteel, farm-reared, 67-year-old great-grandmother had walked 800 miles along the 2,050-mile Appalachian Trail. By September 1955 she stood atop Maine's Mount Katahdin, sang "America, the Beautiful," and proclaimed, "I said I'll do it, and I've done it." Driven by a painful marriage, Grandma Gatewood, became the first woman to hike the entire Appalachian Trail alone, as well as the first person-man or woman-to walk it twice and three times. At age 71, she hiked the 2,000-mile Oregon Trail. Gatewood became a hiking celebrity, and appeared on TV with Groucho Marx and Art Linkletter. The public attention she brought to the trail was unprecedented. Her vocal criticism of the lousy, difficult

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stretches led to bolstered maintenance, and very likely saved the trail from extinction. Author Ben Montgomery interviewed surviving family members and hikers Gatewood met along the trail, unearthed historic newspaper and magazine articles, and was given unprecedented access to Gatewood's own diaries, trail journals, and correspondence. Grandma Gatewood's Walk shines a fresh light on one of America's most celebrated pedestrians. Ben Montgomery is a staff writer at the Tampa Bay Times and co-founder of the Auburn Chautauqua, a Southern writers' collective. He was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2010 and has won many other national writing awards. He lives in Florida.

### National Trails of America

This official book published with the Adirondack Mountain Club celebrates America's original hiking destination through breathtaking contemporary photography, maps, rarely seen archival photos, and a text that brings the history of the trails to life. The Adirondack Park is home to the largest protected natural area in the lower 48 states--six million acres including more than 10,000 lakes, 30,000 miles of rivers and streams, and thousands of miles of hiking trails running from mountain summits through a wide variety of habitats including wetlands and old-growth forests. How better to view this wilderness than afoot on the many trails, many leading to some of the most picturesque summits in North America. There are trails for everyone in the Adirondacks. Today, thousands enjoy hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing trails to

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backcountry destinations all around the park while others aspire to climb all 46 peaks. Water trails include the historic Fulton Chain of Lakes, Raquette River, and Saranac River routes, in addition to more intimate paddles across wild lakes and waters that meander through towering mountains and verdant forests. Every season has its own charm, all portrayed here in this one of a kind volume of history and photography along Adirondack trails. This is a book for anyone who enjoys travelling through the Adirondack backcountry and includes unique and picturesque destinations throughout the Adirondack Park in addition to a comprehensive history on hiking in the Adirondacks. From the dramatic beauty of the Lake George Wild Forest, to numerous fire tower summits and open ledges and mountaintops scattered around the park, and the rugged splendor of the High Peaks and bucolic beauty of the Champlain Valley, this book covers it all.

### On the Trail

Predating the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Appalachian Trail was established in the 1920s. Yet even after volunteers had begun the pathway's construction, its southern terminus was still undetermined. The more than 200 vintage photographs of Images of America: Along the Appalachian Trail: Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee have been culled from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, National Park Service, local trail maintaining clubs, state archives, and historical societies. They illustrate the sweat, toil, and dedication that went into

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building the trail over some of Eastern America's highest and most rugged terrain. Also chronicled are the people who lived along the trail's route, those who volunteered to physically build it or lobby for its creation, and the many relocations that have moved the pathway to optimal locations.

### Hiking Trails of the Pacific Northwest

A classic from the New York Times bestselling author of *A Short History of Nearly Everything* and *The Body*. Back in America after twenty years in Britain, Bill Bryson decided to reacquaint himself with his native country by walking the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail, which stretches from Georgia to Maine. The AT offers an astonishing landscape of silent forests and sparkling lakes—and to a writer with the comic genius of Bill Bryson, it also provides endless opportunities to witness the majestic silliness of his fellow human beings. For a start there's the gloriously out-of-shape Stephen Katz, a buddy from Iowa along for the walk. Despite Katz's overwhelming desire to find cozy restaurants, he and Bryson eventually settle into their stride, and while on the trail they meet a bizarre assortment of hilarious characters. But *A Walk in the Woods* is more than just a laugh-out-loud hike. Bryson's acute eye is a wise witness to this beautiful but fragile trail, and as he tells its fascinating history, he makes a moving plea for the conservation of America's last great wilderness. An adventure, a comedy, and a celebration, *A Walk in the Woods* has become a modern classic of travel literature.

### The Power and Magic of the Appalachian Trail

From one of the most beloved and bestselling authors in the English language, a vivid, nostalgic and utterly hilarious memoir of growing up in the middle of the United States in the middle of the last century. A book that delivers on the promise that it is “ laugh-out-loud funny. ” Some say that the first hints that Bill Bryson was not of Planet Earth came from his discovery, at the age of six, of a woollen jersey of rare fineness. Across the moth-holed chest was a golden thunderbolt. It may have looked like an old college football sweater, but young Bryson knew better. It was obviously the Sacred Jersey of Zap, and proved that he had been placed with this innocuous family in the middle of America to fly, become invisible, shoot guns out of people ’ s hands from a distance, and wear his underpants over his jeans in the manner of Superman. Bill Bryson ’ s first travel book opened with the immortal line, “ I come from Des Moines. Somebody had to. ” In this hilarious new memoir, he travels back to explore the kid he once was and the weird and wonderful world of 1950s America. He modestly claims that this is a book about not very much: about being small and getting much larger slowly. But for the rest of us, it is a laugh-out-loud book that will speak volumes – especially to anyone who has ever been young.

### Neon Pilgrim

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Accessible and readable and lively illustrated, CRAFT IN AMERICA will explore the historical, social and cultural significance of craft, focussing on the last century. While showcasing some of the greatest works of the last century, CRAFT IN AMERICA will delve deeply into the psychology of craft to show how it fulfills a need we share as Americans.

### Awol on the Appalachian Trail

A hike on the Appalachian Trail turns threatening for three individuals looking to escape poignant respective circumstances when they encounter the bodies of fellow hikers and discover that a brutal killer is on the loose. Original. 25,000 first printing.

### The Appalachian Trail

The Continental Divide Trail explores this iconic crown jewel of America's trails with more than 250 spectacular contemporary images, historical photos and documents from the Continental Divide Trail Coalition archives, and detailed maps. Readers can experience the trail as if their boots were on the 3,100-mile path. This beautifully produced volume makes accessible the highest and most remote of the three crown jewel trails--following the Rocky Mountains from Canada to Mexico along the Continental Divide, the backbone of America. The Continental Divide Trail presents

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the full glory of this challenging trail in breathtaking images, ephemera, and maps. While untold thousands of day hikers take advantage of the CDT each year, thru-hiking the entire trail is not for the faint-hearted. In 2017, only 250 people will attempt to hike it end to end. The Continental Divide Trail is perfect for anyone interested in conservation, outdoor recreation, or American history, or for those who dream of one day becoming thru-hikers themselves. This is the first large-format book published in conjunction with the Continental Divide Trail Coalition, and the breathtaking photographs make you feel as if you were on the trail. The book includes maps and rarely seen archival images, as well as a written backstory of this great trail. This photo- and information-packed book is a must-have for anyone who has ever caught the magic of the nation's rooftop, the Great Divide. It's an inspirational bucket list for everyone who wants to get outdoors--day hiker, backpacker, fisherman, hunter, and those rare souls--thru-hikers--who dare to attempt hiking it all in one go. With text by Barney Mann, who has thru-hiked all three Triple Crown trails, and a foreword by two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof, this book makes the trail come alive for both veteran hikers and armchair travelers alike.

## Road Trip USA

“ Orphans preferred ” was the call that went out to the daring of heart when the Pony Express was organized nearly 150 years ago in April 1860. Called “ The Greatest

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Enterprise of Modern Times, ” the endeavor—which lasted only nineteenth months—recruited young men willing to risk life and limb in a relay race that crossed the frontier on a route from St. Joseph, Missouri, to San Francisco, California, speeding the delivery of mail to an astonishing ten days. The Pony Express combines the legends and lore of this remarkable mail service with contemporary photography and archival images and documents from the past, and celebrates the sesquicentennial of the start—and end—of those daring rides, which ended with the completion of the transcontinental railroad. It is a befitting tribute to an American icon whose legacy is marked to this day by Pony Express museums all along the route from Missouri to California.

### Hiking Through

Paul Stutzman traveled the Appalachian Trail after the death of his wife, healing by immersing himself in nature and befriending fellow hikers.

### Grandma Gatewood Hikes the Appalachian Trail

In the bestselling tradition of Bill Bryson and Tony Horwitz, Rinker Buck's *The Oregon Trail* is a major work of participatory history: an epic account of traveling the 2,000-mile length of the Oregon Trail the old-fashioned way, in a covered wagon with

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a team of mules—which hasn't been done in a century—that also tells the rich history of the trail, the people who made the migration, and its significance to the country. Spanning 2,000 miles and traversing six states from Missouri to the Pacific Ocean, the Oregon Trail is the route that made America. In the fifteen years before the Civil War, when 400,000 pioneers used it to emigrate West—historians still regard this as the largest land migration of all time—the trail united the coasts, doubled the size of the country, and laid the groundwork for the railroads. The trail years also solidified the American character: our plucky determination in the face of adversity, our impetuous cycle of financial bubbles and busts, the fractious clash of ethnic populations competing for the same jobs and space. Today, amazingly, the trail is all but forgotten. Rinker Buck is no stranger to grand adventures. The New Yorker described his first travel narrative, *Flight of Passage*, as “ a funny, cocky gem of a book, ” and with *The Oregon Trail* he seeks to bring the most important road in American history back to life. At once a majestic American journey, a significant work of history, and a personal saga reminiscent of bestsellers by Bill Bryson and Cheryl Strayed, the book tells the story of Buck's 2,000-mile expedition across the plains with tremendous humor and heart. He was accompanied by three cantankerous mules, his boisterous brother, Nick, and an “ incurably filthy ” Jack Russell terrier named Olive Oyl. Along the way, Buck dodges thunderstorms in Nebraska, chases his runaway mules across miles of Wyoming plains, scouts more than five hundred miles of nearly vanished trail on foot, crosses the Rockies, makes desperate fifty-mile forced marches for water, and repairs so many broken wheels and axels that he

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nearly reinvents the art of wagon travel itself. Apart from charting his own geographical and emotional adventure, Buck introduces readers to the evangelists, shysters, natives, trailblazers, and everyday dreamers who were among the first of the pioneers to make the journey west. With a rare narrative power, a refreshing candor about his own weakness and mistakes, and an extremely attractive obsession for history and travel, *The Oregon Trail* draws readers into the journey of a lifetime.

### Great Hiking Trails of the World

*The Road Awaits!* Criss-cross the country on America's classic two-lane highways with *Road Trip USA!* Inside you'll find: 11 of America's favorite road trips with a flexible network of route combinations, color-coded and extensively cross-referenced to allow for hundreds of possible itineraries Mile-by-mile highlights celebrating the best of Americana, including roadside curiosities, parks, diners, and more Local history that reveals the unique personalities of small towns and big cities across the country Vintage snapshots, full-color photos, and beautiful illustrations of America both then and now Over 125 detailed driving maps covering more than 35,000 miles of classic American blacktop Expert advice from road-warrior Jamie Jensen, who cruised nearly 400,000 miles of highway in search of the perfect stretches of pavement *Road Trip USA* celebrates the great American road trip, and gives you the tools, resources, and inspiration to make it your own. Hit the road!

## America's Great Hiking Trails

Hike some of the most famous trails in the world, with the region's top guides right by your side. This official book celebrates the trails of the Pacific Northwest with stunning photography, maps, rarely seen archival photos, and information-packed text by top regional hiking authors that brings the history of the trails to life. The backcountry of the Pacific Northwest covers millions of acres of wild lands protected within vast national parks, provincial parks, and wilderness areas--and thousands of miles of trails, including the Pacific Crest, Pacific Northwest, and Trans Canada Trails. This is a must-have for anyone who dreams of summiting peaks in North America's most beloved region.

## Grandma Gatewood's Walk

An inspirational bucket list for hikers, history buffs, armchair travelers, and all those who wish to walk in the hallowed footsteps of American history. From the battlefields of the American Revolution to the trails blazed by the pioneers, lands explored by Lewis and Clark and covered by the Pony Express, to the civil-rights marches of Selma and Montgomery, this is the official book of the country's 19 National Historic Trails. These trails range from 54 miles to more than 5,000 and feature historic and interpretive sites to be explored on foot and sometimes by paddle, sail, bicycle,

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horse, or by car on backcountry roads. Totalling 37,000 miles through 41 states, our entire national experience comes to life on these trails--from Native American history to the settlement of the colonies, westward expansion, and civil rights--and they are beautifully depicted in this large-format volume.

### America's National Historic Trails

The ridges and valleys of the Appalachians once were the frontier of colonial America. Today their centerline is the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, a hiking and backpacking beacon to the world. In between, its route became one of many routes to freedom for the enslaved in the South and mid-Atlantic states and then a series of mountaintop battlefields. Some argue it began here, with John Brown's raid on the armory at Harpers Ferry, the psychological halfway point of the legendary footpath. Hiking through History documents battle sites along the Trail from east Tennessee to the retreat lines from Gettysburg, Underground Railroad sites from Harpers Ferry north to Maine, and a singular Trailside network of farms bought postwar by former slaves in central Virginia, their ruins still visible. Each site is illustrated with period photographs and a suggested hike, complete with four-color map and detailed description. In the four years of the Civil War, hundreds died atop denuded ridges along what is now a peaceful, forested path for recreation and reflection. The intent of this volume is to provide to hikers a sense of what happened here more than 150 years ago and provoke them to reimagine the scenery and think about their past as

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Americans. Foreword by Brian B. King.

## See America

A hiker's inspirational bucket list is embodied in this lavishly illustrated celebration of our nation's one hundred best mountain trails. America's mountain trails lure us to exquisite heights, from the Atlantic Coast in Maine to the Pacific edge in California and the Northwest. These rugged yet seductive pathways call to all who seek both solace and adventure, whether out for a day hike or an extended backpacking expedition. America's Great Mountain Trails introduces readers to one hundred hikes of a lifetime. The book covers some of our nation's most legendary trails and some that are scarcely known, but all can take us on journeys to remarkable places. Between the ancient Appalachians and the Pacific Coast's uplift lie the Rockies, Desert Range, Sierra Nevadas, Cascade Mountains, Olympics, and more. Beyond are the resoundingly wild terrain of Alaska and the islands of Hawaii and Puerto Rico, which ascend like dreamy visions from the sea. Readers get practical details about the length and difficulty of each hike, along with concise directions to each trailhead, tips about the best seasons to go, advice on permit requirements, and a selection of alternate routes. An appendix offers information about what must be done to protect these special places so they'll remain alluring and rewarding to all the generations ahead. With fascinating text and beautiful photography by Tim Palmer, America's Great Mountain Trails is sure to become the definitive reference book to the most

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outstanding mountain trails in America.

### The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid

For 6,300 miles, from Delaware's Cape Henlopen State Park to Point Reyes National Seashore in California, the American Discovery Trail combines the best of the backcountry with jaunts through small towns and big cities.

### The Continental Divide Trail

Emma Gatewood 's life was far from easy. In rural Ohio, she managed a household of 11 kids alongside a less-than-supportive husband. One day, at age 67, she decided to go for a nice long walk . . . and ended up completing the Appalachian Trail. With just the clothes on her back and a pair of thin canvas sneakers on her feet, Grandma Gatewood hiked up ridges and down ravines. She braved angry storms and witnessed breathtaking sunrises. When things got particularly tough, she relied on the kindness of strangers or sheer luck to get her through the night. When the newspapers got wind of her amazing adventure, the whole country cheered her on to the end of her trek, which came just a few months after she set out. A story of true grit and girl power at any age, Grandma Gatewood proves that no peak is insurmountable.

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