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## MCCULLOUGH JOURNEY

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Yosemite Conservancy  
Krakauer's page-turning  
bestseller explores a  
famed missing person  
mystery while unraveling  
the larger riddles it holds:  
the profound pull of the  
American wilderness on  
our imagination; the allure  
of high-risk activities to  
young men of a certain  
cast of mind; the  
complex, charged bond  
between fathers and sons.  
"Terrifying... Eloquent... A  
heart-rending drama of  
human yearning." —New  
York Times In April 1992 a  
young man from a well-to-  
do family hitchhiked to

Alaska and walked alone  
into the wilderness north  
of Mt. McKinley. He had  
given \$25,000 in savings  
to charity, abandoned his  
car and most of his  
possessions, burned all  
the cash in his wallet, and  
invented a new life for  
himself. Four months  
later, his decomposed  
body was found by a  
moose hunter. How  
Christopher Johnson  
McCandless came to die is  
the unforgettable story of  
Into the Wild. Immediately  
after graduating from  
college in 1991,  
McCandless had roamed  
through the West and  
Southwest on a vision  
quest like those made by  
his heroes Jack London  
and John Muir. In the  
Mojave Desert he

abandoned his car,  
stripped it of its license  
plates, and burned all of  
his cash. He would give  
himself a new name,  
Alexander Supertramp,  
and, unencumbered by  
money and belongings, he  
would be free to wallow in  
the raw, unfiltered  
experiences that nature  
presented. Craving a  
blank spot on the map,  
McCandless simply threw  
the maps away. Leaving  
behind his desperate  
parents and sister, he  
vanished into the wild. Jon  
Krakauer constructs a  
clarifying prism through  
which he reassembles the  
disquieting facts of  
McCandless's short life.  
Admitting an interest that  
borders on obsession, he  
searches for the clues to

the drives and desires that propelled McCandless. When McCandless's innocent mistakes turn out to be irreversible and fatal, he becomes the stuff of tabloid headlines and is dismissed for his naiveté, pretensions, and hubris. He is said to have had a death wish but wanting to die is a very different thing from being compelled to look over the edge. Krakauer brings McCandless's uncompromising pilgrimage out of the shadows, and the peril, adversity, and renunciation sought by this enigmatic young man are illuminated with a rare understanding--and not an ounce of sentimentality. Mesmerizing, heartbreaking, *Into the Wild* is a tour de force. The power and luminosity of Jon Krakauer's stoytelling blaze through every page.

**Invisible Beasts** Library of America

The Wild Muir Yosemite Conservancy

**John Muir, in His Own Words** Orbis Books

In *They Knew*, New York Times bestselling author Sarah Kendzior explores the United States' "culture of conspiracy," putting forth a timely and

unflinching argument: uncritical faith in broken institutions is as dangerous as false narratives peddled by propagandists. Conspiracy theories are on the rise because officials refuse to enforce accountability for real conspiracies. "The pathos of truth-seeking left me thinking of Herman Melville. I can't remember the last time I read a book where every sentence delivered."—Timothy Snyder The truth may hurt—but the lies will kill us. *They Knew* discusses conspiracy culture in a rapidly declining United States struggling with corruption, climate change, and other crises. As the actions of the powerful remain shrouded in mystery—like the Jeffrey Epstein operation—it is unsurprising that people turn to conspiracy theories to fill the informational void. *They Knew* exposes the tactics these powerful actors use to placate an inquisitive public. In Kendzior's signature whip smart prose and eviscerating arguments, *They Knew* unearths decades of buried American history, providing an essential and critical look at how to rebuild our democracy by

confronting the political lies and crimes that have shaped us.

*Son of the Wilderness:*

*The Life of John Muir*

Flatiron Books

The best of John Muir --

332 quotations, the

distillation of his thought,

the essence of his beliefs.

Muir was the foremost

conservationist of his time

-- nature writer, social

critic, realist, a romantic,

a visionary. "A long-

needed collection that

features an excellent

subject index. Painstaking

bibliographic references

make this an invaluable

addition to one's Muir

Library." (Yosemite

Association.) If asked for a

succinct statement of his

beliefs, Muir might have

replied:

**Essential Muir** Hodder & Stoughton

Editor Chris Highland

pairs 60 insightful Muir

quotes with selections

from other celebrated

thinkers and spiritual

texts. Take this pocket-

size guide with you on

backpacks, nature hikes,

and camping trips.

[Our National Parks](#) Oxford

University Press

Contains portions of

Muir's autobiography,

letters, his lesser known

books, and essays

*The Writings of John Muir:*

*Our national parks* Anchor

John Muir, America's

pioneer conservationist and father of the national park system, was a man of considerable literary talent. As he explored the wilderness of the western part of the United States for decades, he carried notebooks with him, narrating his wanderings, describing what he saw, and recording his scientific researches. This reprint of his journals, edited by Linnie Marsh Wolfe in 1938 and long out of print, offers an intimate picture of Muir and his activities during a long and productive period of his life. The sixty extant journals and numerous notes in this volume were written from 1867 to 1911. They start seven years after the time covered in *The Story of My Boyhood and Youth*, Muir's uncompleted autobiography. The earlier journals capture the essence of the Sierra Nevada and Alaska landscapes. The changing appearance of the Sierras from Sequoia north and beyond the Yosemite enthralled Muir, and the first four years of the journals reveal his dominating concern with glacial action. The later notebooks reflect his changes over the years, showing a mellowing of spirit and a deep concern

for human rights. Like all his writings, the journals concentrate on his observations in the wilderness. His devotion to his family, his many warm friendships, and his many-sided public life are hardly mentioned. Very little is said about the quarter-century battle for national parks and forest reserves. The notebooks record, in language fuller and freer than his more formal writings, the depth of his love and transcendental feeling for the wilderness. The rich heritage of his native Scotland and the unconscious music of the poetry of Burns, Milton, and the King James Bible permeate the language of his poetic fancy. In his later life, Muir attempted to sort out these journals and, at the request of friends, published a few extracts. A year after his death in 1914, his literary executor and biographer, William Frederick Badè, also published episodes from the journals. Linnie Marsh Wolfe set out to salvage the best of his writings still left unpublished in 1938 and has thus added to our understanding of the life and thought of a complex and fascinating American figure.

*Into the Wild Meditations*

(Wilderness)

2002 marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of Ansel Adams, whose landmark early photographs of wild America, originally taken for the Works Progress Administration, fill the pages of this splendid volume. Adams's breathtaking images are accompanied by excerpts from the writings of Sierra Club founder John Muir, the renowned conservationist who devoted his life to celebrating and preserving the American wilderness.

*The Story of My Boyhood and Youth* The Wild Muir John Muir (1838-1914) ranks among America's most important and influential naturalists, and he is closely associated with Yosemite National Park. He wrote magazine articles that encouraged its foundation, assisted in drawing its boundaries, and co-founded the Sierra Club to ensure its protection. Muir explored virtually every inch of Yosemite, which he called "nature's landscape garden, at once beautiful and sublime," and made detailed studies of its geology, plants, and animals. This volume of classic nature writing reflects the extent of the

beloved conservationist's intimate connection with the region and his appreciation of its majestic landscapes. Muir's lyrical celebrations of natural wonders range far afield, from rivers, lakes, and waterfalls to serene forests and meadows, rugged canyons, and snowy mountain peaks. An essential companion for park visitors, *The Yosemite* exudes an almost mystical love for natural beauty and the spiritual power of wilderness areas.

*Anywhere That Is Wild* U of Nebraska Press  
Gathered from John Muir's own writings, this fascinating compilation recounts his historic, first walk from the San Francisco bay to Yosemite.

**Death Dragon's Kiss**  
California Legacy Book  
The Wisdom of John Muir marries the best aspects of a Muir anthology with the best aspects of a Muir biography. The fact that it is neither, and yet it is both, distinguishes this book from the many extant books on John Muir. Building on her lifelong passion for the work and philosophy of John Muir, author Anne Rowthorn has created this entirely new treatment for

showcasing the great naturalist's philosophy and writings. By pairing carefully selected material from various stages of Muir's life, Rowthorn's book provides a view into the experiences, places, and people that inspired and informed Muir's words and beliefs. The reader feels able to join in with Muir's own discoveries and transformations over the arc of his life.

Rowthorn is careful not to overstep her role: she stands back and lets Muir's words speak for themselves.

**Wild. Film Tie-In** Great West Books  
Known as the "Father of the National Parks," John Muir wrote about the American West with unmatched passion and eloquence—as seen in this stunning, one-volume collection. In a lifetime of exploration, writing, and passionate political activism, John Muir became America's most eloquent spokesman for the mystery and majesty of the wilderness. A crucial figure in the creation of our national parks system and a far-seeing prophet of environmental awareness who founded the Sierra Club in 1892, he was also a master of natural description who evoked

with unique power and intimacy the untrammelled landscapes of the American West. *Nature Writings* collects Muir's most significant and best-loved works in a single volume, including: *The Story of My Boyhood and Youth* (1913), *My First Summer in the Sierra* (1911), *The Mountains of California* (1894) and *Stickeen* (1909). Rounding out the volume is a rich selection of essays—including "Yosemite Glaciers," "God's First Temples," "Snow-Storm on Mount Shasta," "The American Forests," and "Save the Redwoods"—that highlight various aspects of his career: his exploration of the Grand Canyon and of what became Yosemite and Yellowstone national parks, his successful crusades to preserve the wilderness, his early walking tour to Florida, and the Alaska journey of 1879. LIBRARY OF AMERICA is an independent nonprofit cultural organization founded in 1979 to preserve our nation's literary heritage by publishing, and keeping permanently in print, America's best and most significant writing. The Library of America series includes more than 300

volumes to date, authoritative editions that average 1,000 pages in length, feature cloth covers, sewn bindings, and ribbon markers, and are printed on premium acid-free paper that will last for centuries.

*The Wild Muir* Plunkett Lake Press

The now iconic figure John Muir, while living at the base of Yosemite Falls in California, ventures up the trail from his cabin one night and has a harrowing waterfall adventure. Back matter roots the story in Muir's life's work as a conservationist and naturalist.

John Muir The Mountaineers Books Scottish naturalist John Muir (1838-1914) helped spark the modern environmental movement. Living for months and even years in the wilderness, he experienced a deep communion with the sacred and his contemplations on the natural world are filled with mystical intuitions of God's reality. This volume contributes to a strain of spirituality that finds an echo in today's environmental movements.

John Muir Wrestles a Waterfall CreateSpace In early March 1867, Muir

was injured while working at a wagon wheels factory: a tool he was using slipped and struck him in the eye. This accident changed the course of his life. He was confined to a darkened room for six weeks, worried he'd lost his sight forever. When he did recover, the world looked completely different and life had taken on a new meaning for him. Muir later said, "This affliction has driven me to the sweet fields. God has to nearly kill us sometimes, to teach us lessons." From that point on, he determined to "be true to myself" and follow his dream of exploring and studying plants. A Thousand Mile Walk to the Gulf recounts Muir's walk of approximately 1,000 miles (1,600 km) from Indiana to Florida. He did not follow a specific route, only going by the "wildest, leafiest, and least trodden way I could find." This journal is the earliest of Muir's writings and autobiographically bridges the period between "The Story of my Boyhood and Youth" and "My First Summer in the Sierra." John Muir (1838-1914) was a Scottish-American author and naturalist, who is traditionally considered to be the "Father of the

National Parks". Born in Dunbar (East Lothian), he spent his childhood exploring the area, and that is where his love of nature first bloomed. In 1849, his family emigrated to Portage, Wisconsin for religious reasons. At 22, he joined the University of Wisconsin-Madison, from which he never graduated, as he preferred to take a multitude of different classes in the variety of subjects he was interested in, such as chemistry, botany and geology. In 1866, whilst working at an Indianapolis wagon wheel factory, he got into a serious accident and almost lost his sight. When he recovered, he decided to follow his dreams and explore nature. In September 1867, he walked from Kentucky to Florida, later describing the trip in his "A Thousand-Mile Walk to the Gulf." In 1868, he boarded a ship to Cuba, then later on sailed to New York City, from whence he travelled to California. From there, he decided to visit Yosemite, which he had long read about. He was one of the first to infer that the landscape there must have been formed by glaciers, a widely disputed

theory at the time. Muir wrote countless essays, books and letters recounting his adventures out in nature, especially in the Sierra Nevada, which have been read by millions. He played a vital role in the preservation of natural areas, and the creations of Yosemite and Sequoia National Park, amongst many others. **Stickeen** Multnomah "Like Muir himself, *Essential Muir* packs an astounding range of experience into a lithe frame: ecstatic yet scientific descriptions of Yosemite; the heartrending tale of that "wee, hairy, sleekit beastie," *Stickeen*; reflections on the society of Eskimos; Muir's touching tribute, after a lifetime of wonder, to the mighty baobab trees of Africa; and more. Fred D. White's selection from Muir's writings, and his illuminating commentary, reveal the coherence and drama of a remarkable life: new readers will understand why Muir has become an American icon, and readers who are familiar with his work will be delighted with this fresh look. Muir's fierce love of all of nature, from squirrels to glaciers (but perhaps not sheep), continues to inspire us

nearly a century after his death."--Book jacket. *Meditations of John Muir* Gibbs Smith John Muir (1838-1914), whose writings about the natural world have shaped the conservation and environmental movements for more than a century, wrote this autobiographical account near the end of his life about his childhood in Dunbar, Scotland, his immigration to America (1849), his adolescence on a pioneer farmstead near Kingston, Wisconsin, and his student years at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. *The Story of My Boyhood and Youth* reveals the evolution of Muir's scientific curiosity and the beginnings of his reverential attitude towards nature. Treating his encounters with wildlife as high adventure, he gives especially informed attention to bird life in both Scotland and Wisconsin. *The Geologic Story of Yosemite National Park* Univ of Wisconsin Press A definitive biography traces the life of John Muir from his boyhood in Scotland up to his death on the eve of World War I and offers important insights into the passionate nature of

America's first great conservationist and founder of the Sierra Club. *John of the Mountains* Moon Travel Whether he is cheering for untamed mountain sheep or braving a high-country storm that would sweep away lesser mortals, John Muir—outdoorsman, scientist, author—is forever passionate, often droll, and always inspirational. This collection of his little-known pieces have been culled from private letters, magazine articles, and personal journals from deep in the archives. In Bonnie Gisel's able hands, Muir takes the reader on thrilling adventures and remarkable discoveries. His first summit of Half Dome, his great epiphany about the "living glaciers of the Sierra," and his jolly ode to the giant sequoia are all presented here with awe and affection. A nearly penniless young Muir sleeps under the stars in a Florida graveyard. Muir the father prods his wife in the back with a stick, "helping" her up Yosemite's Four Mile Trail. And an older yet still adventurous Muir summits Mount Rainier and survives the perilously icy descent. Certain to delight fans of

The Wild Muir, these audacious exploits reveal John Muir's boundless curiosity and love of all things wild.

*John Muir: Nature Writings* (LOA #92) Yosemite Conservancy

First published in 1945, this biography won the Pulitzer Prize in 1946. Its author worked for twenty-two years on John Muir, including as secretary of the John Muir Association and as editor of Muir's unpublished papers. She interviewed many family members and people who knew and worked with John Muir to produce this account of Muir's life. She recounts Muir's Scottish origins, his early years in the harsh Wisconsin wilderness, his remarkable mechanical aptitude and interest in

botany and geology at the University of Wisconsin in Madison where he spent two and a half years before traveling to the Canadian wilderness, and then to California where he spent most of his life. "[A] well-balanced, informative and rewarding biography." — Kirkus Reviews "Into this biography of John Muir, Mrs. Wolfe has packed an amazing amount of factual information which she has illuminated with a sober critical judgment that gives us a convincing portrait of the whole man." — Francis P. Farquhar, *Pacific Historical Review* "Linnie Marsh Wolfe almost singlehandedly restored John Muir to the respectability and stature he always deserved... [Son of the Wilderness]

should be on the reference shelves of anyone seriously interested in American environmental history." — John Opie, *Environmental History Review* "[A]n interesting personal biography... [Wolfe] creates Muir as a living personality — mystical but athletic, enthusiastic about nature but socially abrupt — a sort of middle-aged Thoreau." — Alexander Kern, *Journal of American History* "By immersing herself in Muir's life, for example, by soaking in his correspondence and journals, [Wolfe] was able to craft what amounts to a first-person narrative, the autobiography he never wrote for himself." — Char Miller, *John Muir Newsletter*