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Where's The Next Shelter?





Synopsis

Where's the Next Shelter? is the true story of three travelers on the Appalachian Trail, a 2,000-mile hike that stretches from Georgia to Maine, told from the perspective of Gary Sizer, a seasoned backpacker and former marine who quickly finds himself humbled by the endeavor. He teams up with Megan, a sassy college grad whose indomitable spirit eclipses her lack of experience; and Lemmy, a cartoonist from overseas whose off-kilter commentary on the wonders and frustrations of the trail keeps everyone laughing. Sprawling through the woods and towns of the Appalachian Mountains, the trail carries the trio through real and fanciful ups and downs ranging from hilarious to perilous. Much more than an orderly account of mountaintops and meals, this book is an adventure about friends figuring things out as they go. It's about screwups and solutions, awe and inspiration. If you long for the horizon or to sleep under the stars, then come along for the hike of a lifetime. All you have to do is take the first step.

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Customer Reviews

Somehow, I found myself on a mission to read every thru hike story available for Kindle. I've one-clicked my way across a couple of months reading a book or two per week. Overall, I'd say that I usually like every book on some level, and I think I've only not finished one purchase. I owe lots of people reviews and I intend to get to them all! Except the one that sucked. I'll just let it suck. This book, however, out of like the twenty or so I've read, is easily top three. If Bryson is the standard for AT books, Gary Sizer is breathing down his neck. For me, a trail story has to be more than a trail

journal. The list of what the hikers did that day is great, but I'm always looking for the human side of the story. Characters. Strengths. Weaknesses. Introspect. Sizer does a good job with all of these things. His descriptions are nice, too.IMO, this book should have many more reviews. Sizer is in a group with Bryson, Fozzie, and Carrot Quinn, my reigning trail favorites.

Because I love the Appalachian Trail, I read lots of books by the thru-hikers. Most are about the same with a day by day rehash of their adventure. Where's The Next Shelter starts off very similar, but soon there is a group of people who stick together - although not all the time - they were strangers at first, but became a family. Gary doesn't list everyone he meets, doesn't do a day to day recap, skips unimportant days and shelters. He is honest when describing his injuries, joys and the low points. It is an easy read and was very enjoyable.

Out of 15 trail books I've read, this is in the top 3. It's the most realistic trail story I've read, for sure, and the author keeps your interest the whole time. I know because I did the AT too. Highly recommended.

This was a riotously funny book. Gary has such a unique sense of humor! While a quarter of the way through I imagined myself being along with his trail family. My feet actually hurt while reading about his trials in the Shenandoah! I don't remember when I have laughed so hard. I was actually very sad when the book ended.. because...the book ended! I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in "living outside" on the AT. Thanks Gary!

This is a book about hiking the Applacian Trail written in first person by "Green Giant" aka Gary Sizer. The book takes you from Georgia to Maine, beginning to end of the AT, detailing the people the author met and ye experiences he has along the way. It's well written and funny, you feel like you can see some of the characters and features of the trail. Excellent read, recommend

Nice story about one man's 2100 mile journey up the Appalachian Trail. The author chronicles his 2014 trip, details the highs and lows and introduces the reader to an eclectic cast of characters that he met along the way.

I'm not hiker but I loved this book and his friends on the trail! If you're a reader of AT books, it gets tiring reading about every.single.description.about.the.trail, Gary didn't do that!! Someone said that

the f word was used too much, pfft, that'd be like watching Whoopi Goldberg in Jumping Jack Flash without any cuss words... boring! They were sprinkled with true life experiences! Don't miss this one! My other favorite AT book is The Things You Find on the Appalachian Trail: A Memoir of Discovery, Endurance and a Lazy Dog. Thank you Gary for taking all of us with you on your hike!

You don't have to be a hiker to love this book. God knows I'm not. But Gary Sizer has a marvelous sense of both the majestic and the absurd, a winningly self-deprecating sense of humor, and a propensity to attract amusing, loyal oddballs into his orbit. When he's not dishing out his own wry observations about life without bathrooms, one of his companions is making us snicker or guffaw, whether it's the indefatigable Voldemort and her hitchhiking shorts, the unintentionally hilarious and somehow huggable Lemmy, or any other in a tremendous cast of characters. The author reflects on deeper questions of life, the universe, and everything in a style frequently reminiscent of Douglas Adams. The only drawback is the words "poop" and "belly" both appear in the text, although it probably could have been worse. You will laugh out loud, hard, at least eight times. Treat yourself and buy this book.

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