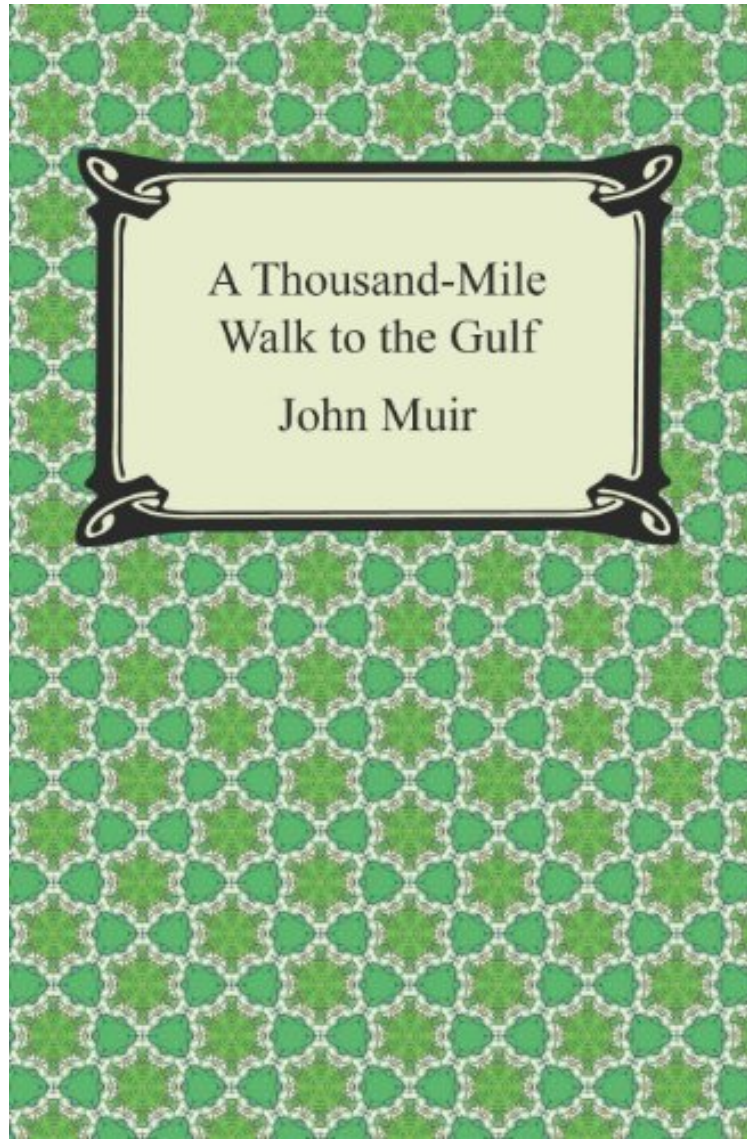


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Travel through the eyes of a youth--John MuirVon Dan AndersonThis is one of John Muir's best books (the other being _First Summer in the Sierra_). It's Muir's slightly-edited diary of his 1000-mile trip through the Southern U.S. to Florida, then Cuba. He traveled on foot observing nature and the people. The book holds your interest as it's written on the spot

through the enthusiastic eyes of a young man. It reminds me a little of Mark Twain's book *'Roughin' It'*, another story through the eyes of a young man later to become famous (about working on antebellum riverboats).

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Synopsis This volume in the "John Muir Library Series" chronicles the famed naturalist's walk shortly after the Civil War from Louisville, Kentucky, to Florida and is one of his best-loved books. Originally published in 1916, it is largely comprised of diary entries Muir made during his memorable 1867 trek. This was a pivotal time in Muir's life, when an eye injury that caused temporary blindness forced him to leave his manufacturing job in Indiana and reevaluate the direction of his life. As his sight returned, Muir realized how much he regretted abandoning his true love, botany, and determined to make his now-celebrated thousand-mile 'floral pilgrimage'. Lyrical chapters celebrate Kentucky's forests and caves, crossing the Cumberland Mountains, traversing the river country of Georgia, crossing Florida swamps and forest, and sojourning at Cedar Keys. These timeless observations of the natural world mingle with a vivid look at the post-Civil War South, encounters with colourful or desperate characters, and an archetypal portrait of a young man in search of himself. This book includes an account of Muir's journey from Florida by way of Cuba and Panama to San Francisco. The narrative reaches its conclusion with an account of his first walk to Yosemite and his stay in nearby Twenty Hill Hollow that signalled the start of his budding career as a young conservationist.