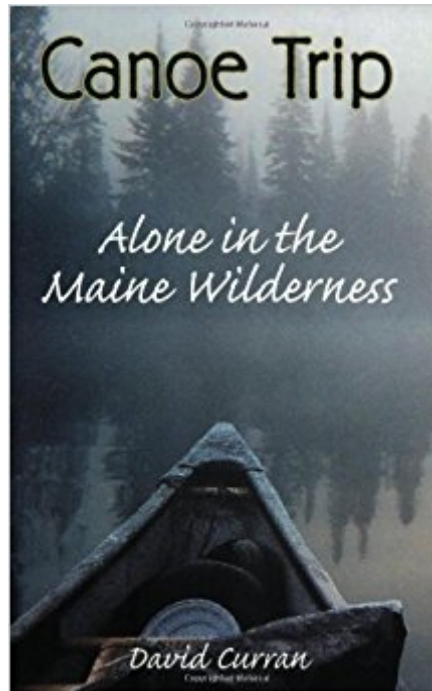




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Canoe Trip: Alone In The Maine Wilderness



Synopsis

Each year Dave Curran travels alone by canoe into the Maine wilderness. He's paddled the Seboeis, the Allagash, and the Moose. Despite the risk of such an adventure, he prefers to go alone. It's easier to plan, and going alone he's more focused, less distracted. He goes for the challenge, battling weather, bears, black flies, mosquitoes, getting lost. He goes for the scenery, the wildness, the silence, the peace. An insightful and compelling read for all who dream of making this kind of backcountry trip.

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Customer Reviews

David Curran works as a clinical psychologist and lives with his wife and two children in Berlin, Massachusetts.

"It was incredibly quiet. The water lapped against the shore. An intermittent rustle of breezy branches. There was no other sound. You could strain and still find none. It is one of the things I go for, one of the things I want. At the same time it's mildly unnerving. It means something serious and important. This silence isn't kidding. You are alone."

I enjoyed this book very much. Mr. Curran gives the reader an authentic description of what it is like to make these solo journeys. I think one reviewer was upset with his brief characterization of the great people of Maine. I think Mr. Curran was trying to be more humorous than serious, and that he really does have nothing but the highest respect for the people of Maine. Good read.

I really couldn't wait to get this book after I found it here on . As a solotripper - one who takes his canoe alone and goes into the wilds - this book sounded wonderful. The author does a fantastic job of explaining why he does what he does. Some reasons I share, some I do not. He goes into some extended details that may be a bit much for a non-paddler to chew on, but the book should satisfy the appetite of anyone looking for ammunition to go alone and explore. In the end, a canoe trip alone is a time of growth, healing, and probably as much salvation as anything. While the world today is full of man-made noise, this book does well in trying to explain how beneficial it is to eliminate all of that. To be quiet. To be alone. It certainly made me look forward to my next trip...a gift I am sure the author takes pleasure in giving.

I bought this item immediately before embarking on a long-anticipated canoe trip in Maine, one of the routes mentioned in this book. My co-adventurer also had a chance to read most of it before we went into the wilderness... While there is plenty of practical information, much of seems alarmist after the fact, in our experience, at least. The book is highly readable, gives good tips for beginning canoe campers, and can be quickly devoured. Don't get too worked up over the bears/moose/capsizes/misadventures that seem to haunt the author!

Good transaction.

I didn't think the quality of writing was good, and the story was not interesting. There are better reads out there

So I will start by saying this. I'm on chapter 8 right now and so far it really hasn't grabbed me. Which is disappointing because what this book is about is the basically what I am doing next summer for two weeks. So that being said I may put this book down for a while. So far I have realized that the author is really good at providing irrelevant filler material. Maybe that's because he is a psychologist by trade (he mentions in the book). Also im getting bored with a whole paragraph saying the same thing 18 different ways (no kidding). Most recent Example : "there's only going forward" "only point a and b" "you play what is dealt" and on and on etc. Also it reads like a Quentin Tarantino movie. Very flash backy and forwardy. The stories are all over the place and from multiple trips. Maybe he brings it all around in the end. But prob won't make it to the end of this book.

I have a bookshelf full of canoeing and outdoor adventure books as well as a sixteen year collection of the Boundary Waters Journal. This book does not rate a place in my collection. In fact, it might qualify as one of my worst buys - especially at the highly inflated price of \$17.99. I found that the content did nothing to hold my attention and make me want to turn the page. Perhaps the depth of the author's experiences (or at least what he relates in this volume) can be discerned from his meal preparation - heating a can of Dinty Moore beef stew on a gas stove. That pretty well sums up his Maine Wilderness trip.

The book, Canoe Trip, by David Curren, is a book about one man's quest to brave the wilderness. This is an awesome book for those of you who love the outdoors. If you are one who has been on solo missions or even adventures with your friends and want to gain more info on survival, then pick up a copy of this book. Mr. Curren, who works in a public school, is the type of guy, nobody would expect to travel to Maine and brave the whitewater rapids of a river. For those of you who dream of making a name for yourself, but don't quite know what to do, read an adventure book such as this and get inspired. Moose, cold, and an unforgiving river, could not stop this man. Don't let skepticism stop you. If adventure and excitement are what you're into, read this book, reject fear as he did. It is an excellent piece. For those of you who have read it, you know what I mean.

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