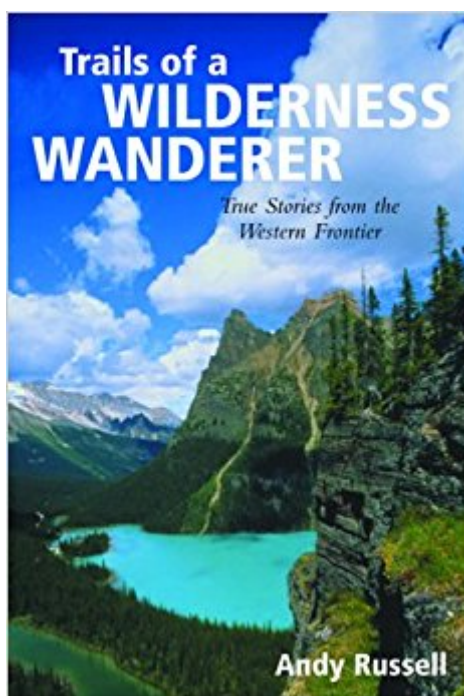


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I don't usually write book reviews, but as I came across this book for sale on , it brought back wonderful memories. I purchased this book back in 1973. I loved it then and I love it now. I re-read it for maybe the fifth time. I decided to write this review. I am not well educated or well traveled, but I know adventure when I read it and this book is of a great adventure. It is a group of short stories written by Andy Russell, who was born in 1915, more importantly at the foot of the Great Rockies mountains in southwestern Alberta Canada. He describes his childhood growing up on a farm there, where he learned very young how to take care of himself. Fishing, hunting and trapping in a country of great beauty, that he describes as no one else could. Some stories are of breaking, riding and training horses. This is a book for someone who loves animals and the great outdoors, and especially for someone who loves adventure. His travels take him from the farms of the great plains to the beautiful mountains of the west and north to the cold of the frozen tundra. It is also about animals small and large, from weasels and minks to bears and elk, as well as fishing, the kind of which is very hard to find these days. There are stories told around camp fires, of cowboys and of the English Remittance men. Thrills vary from forest fires to the stalking of a trophy elk. He went on to become a great guide of the Rockies, both for hunting and for those who hunt with a camera. This is a great adventure and a must read. If you read this book you should also read another book by him called "Grizzly Country". It is said by many to be one of the best books ever written about bears, both from the scientific point of view and by someone who was a conservationist and a naturalist. I love bears and I loved that book also. I loved them both. I hope to read other by him. Enjoy and thank you Andy Russell.

I was loaned this book by a friend, but didn't get it finished. I ordered a first edition, finished it, then ordered two more to share with friends. A really great book for an outdoorsman.

This not a book about a wandering soul..it is a interesting read. I loaned it to a older sister and told her she would enjoy it without a being concerned with the words in it...

andy knows his business so i enjoy his writing, good book

A very good story about a choice time in history. My grandsons love the energy and imagination and

adventure. The book starts out slow, but if you jump into the middle it sweeps you right along.

Mr. Russell takes you back to the early days when only Indians and bears roamed the land, through his youth and adulthood as an outdoorsman in the wilds of early Canada. He tells of living a life we can only dream of now. The people he writes of were real and made Canada what it is today. I have reread this book almost yearly since it came out in 1971. You will feel as if you have walked his trails with him and love the life he led. An excellent gift for the city-bound outdoorsman!!!

You'll get a bit of everything from Andy Russell in this book -- extolling the wilderness wonders of Canada's southern Rockies, talks about dealing with balky horses and mules, discussions of a rugged childhood, living off the land and more. And, Andy Russell is a good storyteller in all of this. Somebody needs to get him on tape. I saw this book in a bookstore at Banff National Park a couple of years back. An excellent purchase.

Trails Of A Wilderness Wanderer are true stories from the West blending the autobiography of an outdoorsman with accounts of living in the wild places of the Rockies, following old trails and meeting hunters and explorers. An absorbing outdoorsman's diary filled with nature and observations of the wild.

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