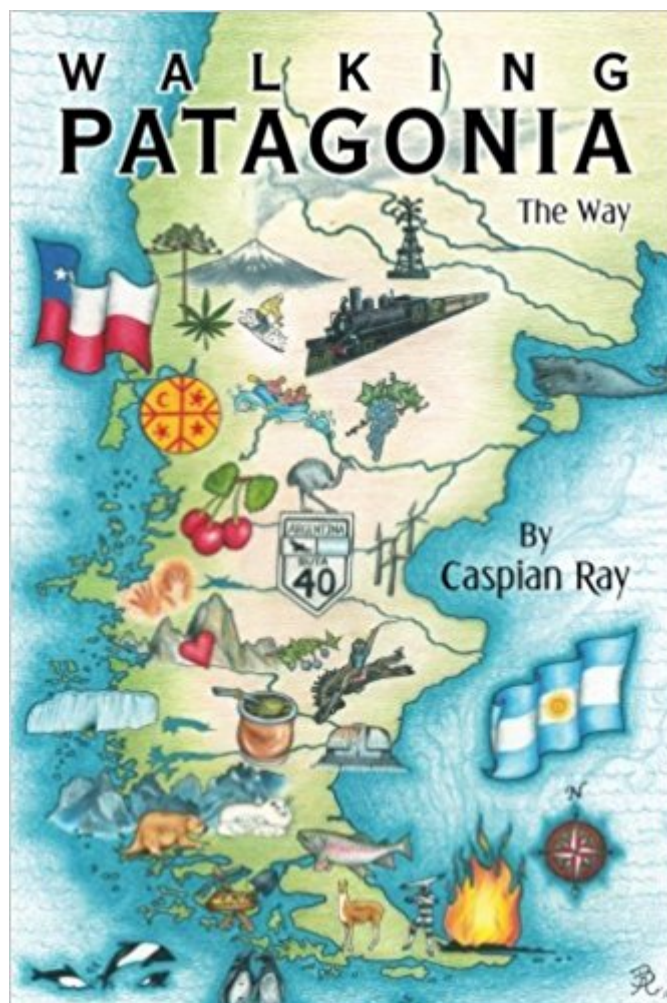


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Synopsis

Like a conquistador drawn to gold, glory, and God, Caspian Ray has always felt a magnetic pull toward Latin America. He visits anytime he has the chance. Of all the places that have captured his heart, Patagonia--a sparsely populated area shared by Argentina and Chile--has been the site of his defining adventure. Here is a fairy-tale land divinely undefinable. It is the land of the corderos and gauchos as well as screaming westerly winds that whip up from Antarctica. Here is the way to love, death, corruption, God, sex, and pure energy, and they mix together in a concoction that you will never forget. Join the author as he celebrates the spirit, and somehow finds love. In *Walking Patagonia*, everything is epic.

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Customer Reviews

Walking Patagonia takes the reader deep into the land of legends and Bigfoot. This book helped me immensely in preparation for my trip to Argentina. The prose reminds me of campfire stories, and what the book contains will have ramifications for all the Americas. Argentina culture, history, and corruption. Populism is examined and compared to what is currently happening in USA. This book is a must read for anyone who dreams, and seems especially important for the mothers of millenials. Here is an excerpt about mothers: She was everything, every breath formed by her and all her mothers before, and all the the toil and the labor, the perpetual work without keeping score, and all the mothers whom history forgot, to the very first who we blame for our thoughts, and even those mothers still covered with only their eyes to see, the mothers who sacrifice all for another to be free, this mother right here; she deserved to be me.

At first I started reading this book here and there when I had time, but once I hit about page 90 I could not put it down. This is a story about a young man who is looking for adventure, but learns that he is actually just finding himself. Joining in his feelings of desolation, hard-earned stench, and foot aches, you too will begin to feel these things. Throughout the story you are carried along by his comedic cadence that in retrospect is very reminiscent of the act of walking itself. One foot in front of the other and repeat, you are allowed to join his struggles, revelations, and celebrations culminating in the greatest prize of all. This is a must read for any outdoor enthusiast, adventure seeker, or traveler. I will read this again in time and share it with fellow travelers and adventure seekers.

Want to travel, fall in love, live life to the fullest, but can't get away right now? Read this book. A must read for all adventurers.

For all his walking and commentary, the author is a little shy on the actual facts. You won't get far into the book before Ray's allegation that Evo Morales was the first indigenous president in the Americas. People like Mexico's Benito Juárez beat him to it many years earlier. Despite some amusing times, fact-wise, the book goes downhill from there. The writer wants us to believe that it was Darwin and company in the 19th century that contrived the name "Tierra del Fuego" even though this was the result of Magellan's tour in the 16th century. As history and scholarship, this book is a terrible failure, though it may well appear satisfactory to those for whom the truth in such matters is subordinate to the slick story-telling of vagrants. If you want to sell a book these days, include "Patagonia" in the title.

this is a book review of a book that I just finished from @thepatagoniabook and I loved it though it is one of those books that takes time to read in my opinion each chapter has a little story involved so it is best to not read it in one sitting if you can help it. The one book it reminded me of towards the end was All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy. I liked it but towards the end it got all about the love more than the adventure which is fine sometimes and not fine the other times lol. Adding the illustrations in the book though made it a lot more exciting than All the Pretty Horses to me so it was better than that book to me. The ending shows that in the end anything is possible which I absolutely appreciate. So overall i give this book 4 stars

4 out of 5 just

because at some points in the story I lost attention in it But I absolutely recommend it to people who like Cormac McCarthy but also just people who want to learn more about Patagonia.

Walking Patagonia by Caspian Ray is a unique piece of uninhibited non-fiction travel literature that entertains, informs and at times makes you laugh out loud. The author details his journey in a spatial and chronological way where the reader follows his steps south to north experiencing his challenges with dynamic natural environments ranging from ancient beech forests to the deserted steppe. Caspian interacts with a wide range of people from close friends to welcoming locals, expats, world travelers, and even a potential lover. Through these interactions the reader learns about Argentina's culture and society, troubled colonization, political growing pains and current economic position in the world. The writing is enthusiastically blunt and to the point, detailing Caspian's surroundings and thoughts in a hilariously unbridled way. These honest reflections on his physical and emotional journey permeates Caspian's character developing a certain depth to the travel log that few other travel writers venture to design. This book is highly recommended for readers who want a non-traditional travel writing experience that provides more than a simplistic non-fictional account of a foreign country, but rather a captivating autobiographical adventure with an narrative arc that delivers on numerous levels.

This book is unlike any other travel book on Patagonia. If you want to feel the rush of adventure in a mythical land, this book is a must read. The author has a singular way of melding everyday vernacular with erudite commentary that makes the reader laugh at the absurdity of many situations and marvel at the historical and cultural analysis of the places and people the narrator encounters. It's rare that an author can be so raw in his presentation of historical accounts and yet offer such rich and stimulating insights into the context of events that surround him. Patagonia is little known and still quite mysterious to the rest of the world, and Caspian Ray brings it to life in this superb travel/adventure novel. I highly recommend it! Just get ready to drop everything and go to Patagonia after you read it. You'll want to.

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