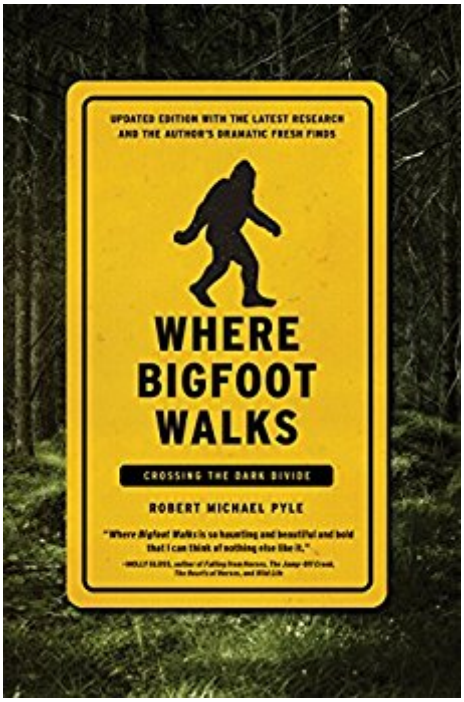
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Where Bigfoot Walks: Crossing The Dark Divide



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Synopsis

"Fast claiming his place as one of the countryÃ¢â ¬â„¢s finest natural history writers, Pyle takes to the hills in search of Bigfoot in this absorbing, classily written field report. Pyle makes all the right connections. Best of all, he loves a good mystery and is smart enough, open and radical enough, to never say never." Ã¢â ¬â •Kirkus Reviews Awarded a Guggenheim to investigate the legends of Sasquatch, Dr. Robert Pyle trekked into the unprotected wilderness of the Dark Divide near Mount St. Helens, where he discovered both a giant fossil footprint and recent tracks. He searched out Indians who told him of an outcast tribe, the Seeahtiks, who had not fully evolved into humans. He attended Sasquatch Daze, where he met scientists, hunters, and others who have devoted their lives to the search, and realized that "these guys don’t want to find BigfootÃ¢â ¬â •they want to be Bigfoot!" A handful of open-minded biologists and anthropologists countered the tabloids he studied, while rogue Forest Service employees and loggers swore of an industry conspiracy to deep-six accounts of unknown, upright hominoid apes among us. In the years since publication, the author’s fresh experiences and findsÃ¢â ¬â •detailed in an all-new chapter which includes an evaluation of recent DNA evidence from Bigfoot hair and scat, the study of speech phonemes in the Ã¢â ¬Å“Sierra SoundsÃ¢â ¬Â• purported Bigfoot recordings, PyleÃ¢â ¬â„¢s examination of the impact of the wildly popular Animal Planet series Bigfoot Hunters, the reemergence of the famous Bob Gimlin into the Bigfoot community, and moreÃ¢â ¬â •have kept his own mind wide open to one of the biggest questions in the land.

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Customer Reviews

This book was originally released in 1995 in hardcover, the result of a Guggenheim grant awarded to Pyle to write one of the best reads I have ever come across. Despite the title, it is not ALL about Bigfoot; there are paragraphs about deforestation, environmental concerns, humans' encroachment on wildlife areas and the devastating effects that can sometimes have and the journey of self and of discovery of natural resources. There is also an abundance of vivid descriptions of the land trodden by the author, from beautiful mountain vistas to ridgelines; from montane lakes to dark forests; and from mountain roads to unmapped trails. The flora and fauna and wildlife of the area is not short-shrifted either-the author has amazing descriptive capabilities, making the reader feel as if he/she is there with Pyle seeing the natural beauty and sentient beings that inhabit the Dark Divide. Of course Hairy Hominoids are tied in with a lot of these tropes, although Pyle does maintain an objective viewpoint on the subject, being appropriately skeptical when it is called for, but also not being closed off to the possibility. Several Bigfooters were interviewed for the book in its original incarnation and these are left intact. There is also a new section with the most recent findings up to this year which is quite enjoyable. This can be classed as a Bigfoot book, but it can also fit in with nature books or philosophy books or natural history books since Pyle runs the gamut of topics, not restricting it to just the legendary denizens of the Northwest woods. If he had only written about a natural history of the Dark Divide, throwing in occasional Bigfoot references, that would have been a fine enough book, that is how entertaining and compelling this tome is. I highly recommend this book, whether for Bigfooters, naturalists, philosophers or natural history buffs. It has a little something for all those categories. Kudos to a job well-done by Dr. Pyle.

For a book entitled 'Where Bigfoot Walks' I would have expected more about Bigfoot. The author has written a book mostly concerning his experiences in the Cascades wilderness with a few sporadic musings about the legendary creature thrown in. The first part of the book, where he described his experiences with the vocalizations hooked me. I had been hoping there had been

more of that kind of content in the book. It was still worth the read; especially for the price I paid for it. But when writing a book about Bigfoot, a little more on Bigfoot would be prudent.

Another book by a Bigfoot skeptic. Despite that, I really enjoyed Pyle's work. It's more a travel log and his writing is vivid and really paints a picture of the beautiful landscapes he encounters. I really appreciated that. It's a well-written piece of work by a guy who enjoys nature whether he believes in Bigfoot or not.

The author is a wonderful writer and insightful naturalist; I spent seven years in the Pacific Northwest and hiked many of the same trails as Mr. Pyle so reading his book brought back a lot of memories. I never saw/heard/smelled/felt anything Bigfoot like, but I certainly believe they could exist in that part of the world. A great book, get it if you can.

Very satisfied, Would recommend.....

A wonderful walk in the woods- I learned so much and enjoyed the writing.

A great read if your into Bigfoot .

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