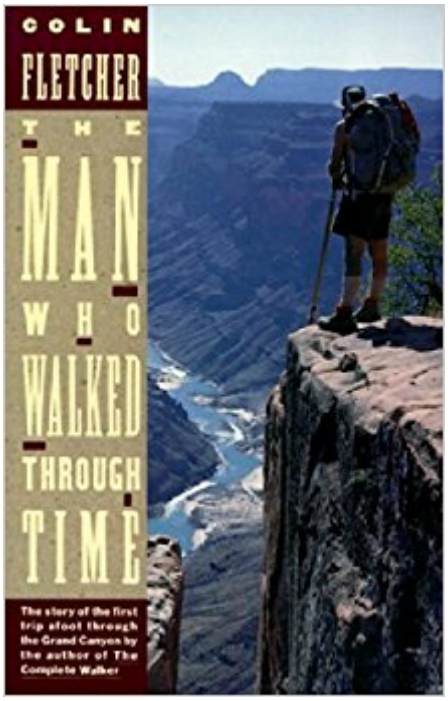
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Colin Fletcher is a self-described "compulsive walker." It is not unusual for him to pick up a map, drive to an area that intrigues him, and then start walking. It should come as no surprise then that a detour from U.S. 66 to visit the Grand Canyon on a June morning in 1963 inspired Fletcher to walk the length of the Canyon below the rim. In The Man Who Walked Through Time Fletcher recounts his amazing journey. For two months Fletcher struggled against heat and cold, lack of water and dwindling supplies. The terrain was, at times, nearly impassible, yet despite the physical hardships, Fletcher came away from his experience with a new awareness of how humans fit into the vast scheme of things. He writes, for example, of meeting a rattlesnake on Beaver Sand Bar: "Now I am no rattlesnake aficionado. The first rattler I met scared me purple, and killing it seemed a human duty.... Yet by the end of that California summer I no longer felt an unreasoning fear of rattlers.... Instead, I accepted them as organisms with a niche in the web of life. Accepted them, that is, as fellow creatures." The Man Who Walked Through Time is a remarkable account of a journey both physical and spiritual. It is also a record of the Grand Canyon as it was before the massive influx of tourism. Fletcher’s descriptions of the spectacular geography, the wildlife, and the remnants of much older cultures serve to remind us that the Grand Canyon has been around longer than humankind and may well outlast us.

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One of the best journey and backpacking books of all time. I bought this years ago and it was so good that it changed my wilderness travel life. I just bought another copy so that I can loan it out more.

Tried reading this for my rim-to-rim hike, but stilted writing put me to sleep. Too much technical detail.

Very interesting story. Anyone who hikes will enjoy this book.

read this book in 1970 i live 1800 miles away from the canyon and always dreamed of visiting in person. he mentioned snow and at 16 then i had no idea wht if any snow tht area recieved, and the colors of the rocks . finally in march 2011 we visted my daughter and her husband were stationd in tucson az. we spent sevral days at the canyon80degrees the 1st day at lunch and snow in the afternoon the first 4 paragraphs of this book i had forgotten but experiened in real life as we stood looking across the canyon in the sun we watced as snow clouds blew in yet still were ablbe to see sun on roks miles away .i was hooked we stayed overnite so we could watch the shadows of sunset and surise the next morning .i orderd sevral copies for my kids and my my wife to read they also,standing on the rim looking out theres no frame the silence is real and the colors are real

My favorite Colin Fletcher book. It’s nice to read about one of my favorite places in a much simpler time, before the crowds and rules.A good companion to this is "Grand Obsession," about Grand Canyon legend Harvey Butchart. Their brief relationship is interesting.

I really enjoy Colin Fletcher’s descriptive writing.

Beautiful writing, entrancing story. Highly recommend.

A beautiful description of the physical aspect of the Grand Canyon and the author makes it even more interesting by exploring the spirit of the Canyon. A great read!

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