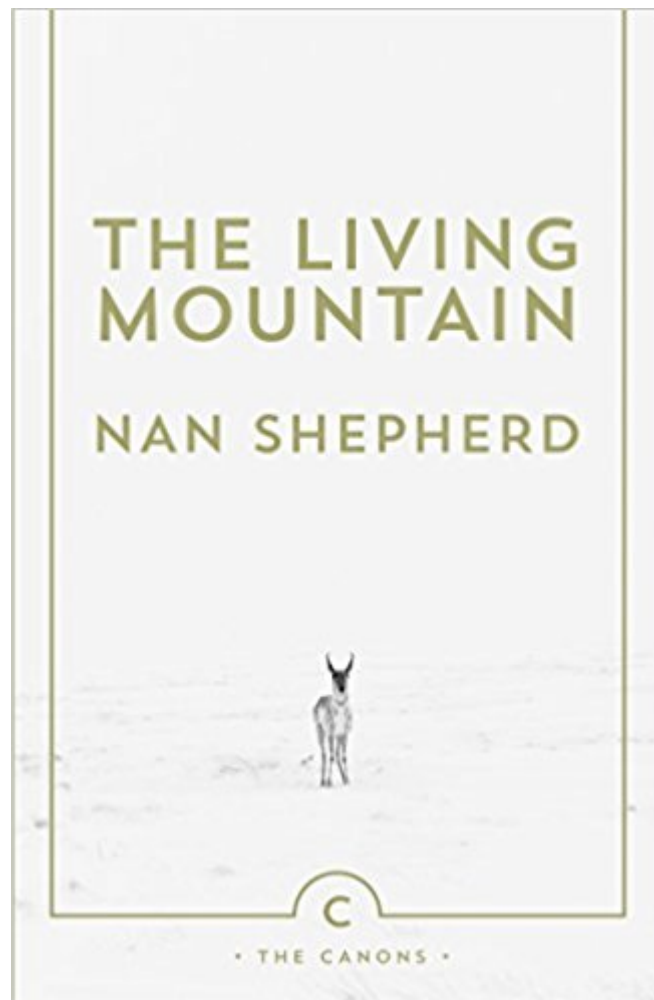




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It's a wonderful, inspiring read. The edition is a little flimsy. It deserves to be in a hardcover.

Fantastic insight into the spirituality of mountaineering.

Nan Shepherd was a college professor, novelist (3 published works) and poet. This book is the last work she published, towards the end of her life. It is a paeon to her love of the countryside where she spent most of her life, The Cairn Gorm mountain range in Northern Scotland. Brilliant, lyrical, a great tribute to the human spirit and Man's relationship to his (and her) environment. This belongs on every bookshelf, next to Gilbert White's "The Natural History of Selborne." This edition contains an overly long Foreword that attempts to tell us that we are going to enjoy reading Nan Shepherd's words. Skip it and just read her words. Or read it AFTER reading her words.

Nan Shepherd's book about her lifelong love of the Cairngorm mountains is quite marvellous. I was drawn to it by reading Wild Places by one of my favourite authors, Robert MacFarlane. He knew & admired Nan Shepherd. She writes with great passion, knowledge & experience. Even if mountains & walking do not interest you, I believe you will enjoy getting to know the author & seeing that really experiencing & loving one landscape can be deeply fulfilling, deeply interesting.

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