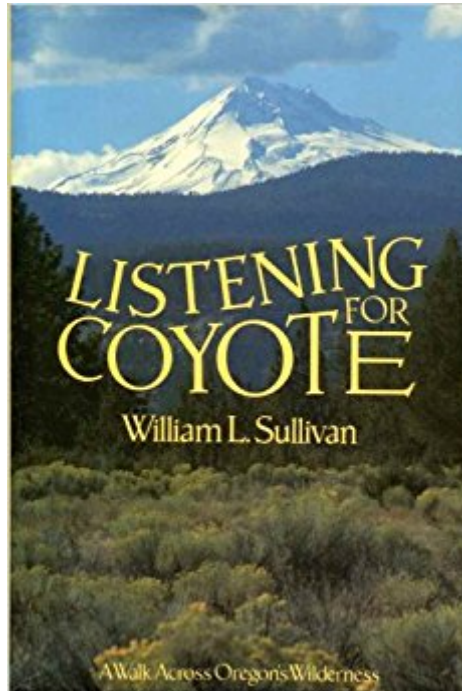




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Listening For Coyote



Synopsis

Sullivan's classic account of his sixty-five day, 1,361-mile solo backpacking trek across Oregon offers an intimate tour of the state's renowned wilderness. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

On August 17, 1985, William Sullivan kissed his wife and two children goodbye and embarked on a 1,300-mile walk across Oregon. The journey would begin on the western edge of the continent where Pacific breakers batter Cape Blanco and conclude on the rim of Hell's Canyon overlooking the Snake River. His route would "traverse four mountain ranges and eighteen designated Wilderness Areas. It would lead through fog-bound rain forests, windswept glacial cirques, and sunbaked desert canyons." Averaging 20 miles per day, Sullivan completes the trek in just over two months, reporting his progress in the daily entries that make up *Listening for Coyote*. Equal parts trail log, regional history, and personal memoir, Sullivan's recorded journey is also a captivating look at Oregon's natural heritage and the conservation efforts to safeguard its treasures. Entering the Rogue River Canyon, for instance, Sullivan meets a pair of contract loggers clearing a road for a timber harvest; he observes darkly that he's in the "largest roadless forest in Oregon," a place being fought over at that very moment, and one can only wonder what has happened to it since. Elsewhere along the way Sullivan recounts past Indian wars, outlaw exploits, and gold-mining boondoggles. More immediate are his surprise encounters on the trail with wildlife, hunters, environmental activists, and other hikers. Deep in the Cascades' Three Sisters Wilderness, he

meets a couple of backpackers who turn out to be engaged in an even more ambitious adventure than his--a hike clear across the country that "could take years." And of course there is the inspiring coyote chorus--perhaps to be rivaled by the howling of wolves in the not-so-distant future. Since the publishing of *Listening for Coyote*, the "New Oregon Trail," as it's now called, has been added to the state's long-range trail plan, although many sections remain undeveloped; Sullivan's pioneering work will be of special interest anyone considering the trek. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is a wonderful story of the search for a new Oregon Trail. Backpacker and naturalist Sullivan scouted a West-East route from Coastal Cape Blanco to Hell's Canyon on the Snake River (not as the crow flies; it was more of a wiggly W in shape). His 65-day, 1300-plus-mile journey took him across four mountain ranges and 18 designated wilderness areas, through foggy rain forests, mountain meadows, sun-baked deserts and deep canyons in all extremes of weather. Sullivan has written an engaging account of this pioneering hike, with vivid descriptions of the varied terrain and the people he met along the way. He encountered bears and elk but was at highest risk when he sampled poisonous mushrooms. Nature lovers, active and passive, will find Sullivan's walk a vicarious pleasure. Photos. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.

A thoughtful, well-written memoir of one inquisitive, tenacious, intelligent hiker's journey across Oregon. Bill Sullivan hiked and mapped the "New Oregon Trail" in his 1,361 mile trek, making meticulous notes (most often by campfire light) at each stop. He enriches the tale of his travels with snippets of some of Oregon's most interesting history, insights into his thoughts and physical travails while hiking the tough terrain, and stories of the interesting people he meets along the way. I was sorry to come to the end of this fascinating book, and I immediately ordered his "Hiking Oregon's History" to console myself. However, my husband picked it up and hasn't put it down since. I'm hoping Bill Sullivan will write many more books. Through his writings, I'm discovering more of Oregon than I possibly could on my own...though we are now more inspired than ever to strike out and see some of the remarkable places he describes. If you live in Oregon, you owe it to yourself to read this.

The writing about the hike was wonderful, but the addition history, geology, people that he met is what I enjoyed the most. I only wish I was young enough to hike many of the wilderness trails he followed. Wonderful story. Bob S.

Having camped a fair amount in Oregon, many places were familiar, but it's always nice to get a real Oregonian's perspective. Like any hike or camp adventure, you always meet new people with diverse stories. Bill Sullivan has a great way of recounting these interactions and describing the cast of characters he meets. At the same time, you get a real sense of the solo odyssey and appreciation of nature. Much like reading hiker journals of the PCT, you can't wait to read on and see what will happen next.

Love it! Perfect gift for an outdoor adventurer planning on living in, or newly arrived in Oregon.

I love love love this book!!! Such a great adventure through my home state!

Incredible book through Oregon. Sullivan is a great writer and this book more than makes up for rainy days when hiking would do little more than damage the trails.

Was recommended this book, and now I must recommend it to others! Oregon history and conservation entwined in a spellbinding narrative of a man's hike across Oregon.

I felt the author did a good job of keeping it interesting. His description of the places he visited was uniquely accurate in an interesting and amusing way.

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