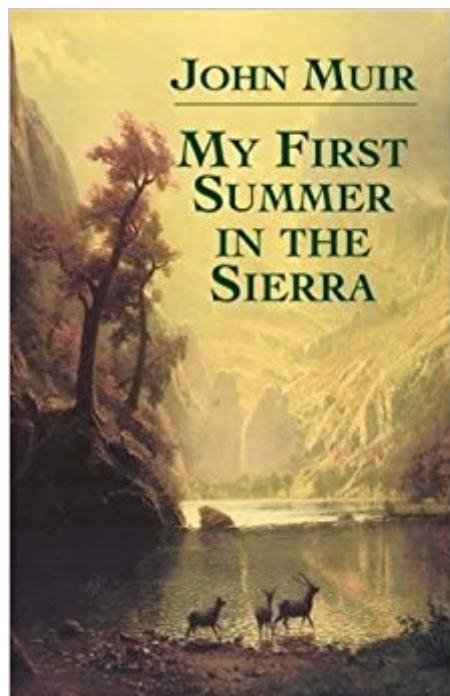


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Synopsis

In the summer of 1869, John Muir, a young Scottish immigrant, joined a crew of shepherds in the foothills of California's Sierra Nevada Mountains. The diary he kept while tending sheep formed the heart of this book and eventually lured thousands of Americans to visit Yosemite country. First published in 1911, *My First Summer in the Sierra* incorporates the lyrical accounts and sketches he produced during his four-month stay in the Yosemite River Valley and the High Sierra. His record tracks that memorable experience, describing in picturesque terms the majestic vistas, flora and fauna, and other breathtaking natural wonders of the area. Today Muir is recognized as one of the most important and influential naturalists and nature writers in America. This book, the most popular of the author's works, will delight environmentalists and nature lovers with its exuberant observations.

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John Muir, a young Scottish immigrant, had not yet become the famed conservationist whom he liked to call "John o' the Mountains" when he first trekked into the foothills of the Sierra Nevada not long after the end of the Civil War. Having caught a glimpse of such magical places as Tuolumne Meadows and El Capitan, Muir ached to return, and in the summer of 1869 he signed on with a crew of shepherds and drove a flock of 2,500 woolly critters toward the headwaters of the Merced River. The diary he kept while tending sheep forms the heart of *My First Summer in the Sierra*;

published in 1911, it enticed thousands of Americans to visit the Yosemite country. The book is full of the concerns Muir would later voice as America's foremost preservationist and wildlands advocate, which would bear fruit in the creation of several national parks and monuments. And it resounds with Muir's nearly pantheistic regard for the natural world: with celebrations of the Sierra's lizards that "dart about on the hot rocks, swift as dragonflies," its mountain lions and tall trees and fierce thunderstorms and bears; with Muir's overarching awe for places that civilization had yet to tame. Though perhaps a little purple by modern standards, Muir's book continues to inspire readers to seek out such places for themselves and make them their own--and as such it stands among the enduring classics of environmental literature. --Gregory McNamee --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

As more and more of us grow aghast at what we have done to the world we started with, Muir's reverence and devotion will seem keenly germane, and our regret may be transmuted into a fight for the future. • Edward Hoagland --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

My first summer in the Sierra by John Muir Always enjoy the outside, walking discovering new things. Have watched many on the John Muir Trail in CA and watched shows but having it all described is like being there, doing it ourselves. Like listening to his journals and everything he sketches, plant, animal, etc. I received this book from National Library Service for my BARD (Braille Audio Reading Device).

I just love detailed descriptive books about the outdoors . The named locations within the park takes reader to the exact location is just beautiful

Seeing the Sierra through John Muir's eyes - for the first time - as he was and as the Sierra was in 1869 is a priceless gift.

Beautiful written.....

If you are not used to hyperbolic language, this classic can put you off. He probably read Leaves of Grass growing up. It is great to listen to him rhapsodize about the Sierra flocks; at the same time his flock eats every plant around him. This is a comment on the book, not

Muir's life or legacy. Great slice of life comments for the time period.

I enjoyed the book very much. There were several parts that were way to technical for me with Mr Muir's description of the plants growing there using scientific names.

great reading!!

Great book, Felt like I was following him on his adventures! One thing that was a little different is how there weren't any chapters but being this is more like a diary it was divided by each day.

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