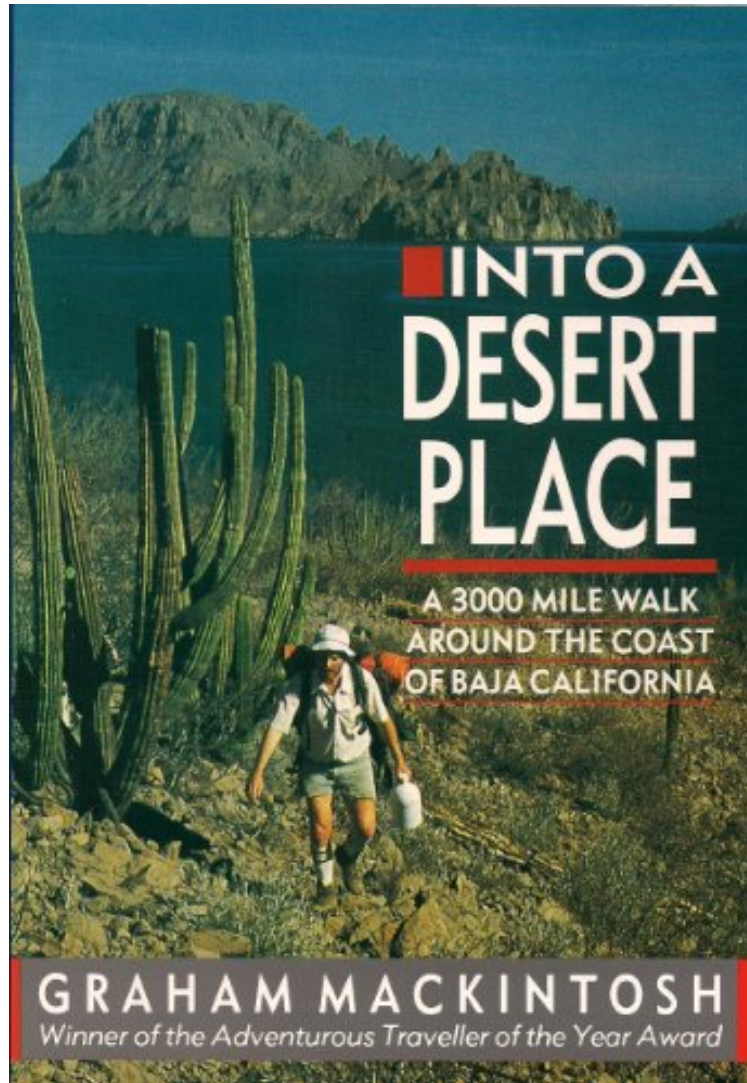


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Von Graham Mackintosh : Into a Desert Place (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Into a Desert Place (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Triumph of the Ordinary Von Robert H. Nunnally Jr. Travel books about daring trips to places filled with hardships erupt like volcanic ash from the "featured on sale" sections of bookstores. Authors fill the shelves, as they have for a dozen decades, with endless sagas of how they climbed-a-mountain-and-everybody-died, why they sailed-the-Pacific-in-a-sea-of-storms, and even all-the-good-reasons-why-people-should-not-do-the-dangerous-pastime-the-author-does. "Into a Desert Place" features many of the hallmarks of this unfortunate genre of "we nearly died" non-fiction.

Baja California's alien landscapes, spiked with impassable mountains, rattlesnakes and boojum trees, certainly qualifies in many regions as a "need a sense of high adventure and a contempt for danger to tour there" area. Yet, "Into a Desert Place" does not repel in the way that "body count on Mount Everest" books can. On the contrary, this book simply charms. "Into a Desert Place" is a complete revelation--an accessible, winning account of how adverse conditions can be met by those most basic values--determination, a good attitude and, indeed, a good heart. Mr. Mackintosh manages to convey the hardships of the trip, the kindness of most of the people he met along the way, and his own struggles to complete his quest, all without undue sentimentality or boastfulness. The book has a folksy, simple feel about it, but it is anything but a simple book. Instead of the usual travel book conceits based on machismo or "sheer pluck", we see Baja through the eyes of Everyman. We need more books like "Into a Desert Place" and fewer books about how many innocent tourists drowned at sea. We all belong in the desert place to which this book removes us. After reading this book, the reader may not wish to walk around Baja, but the reader might well wish to find that place of quiet, and think a bit.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Plucky Pale Brit hears a call...Baja, Baja, carps the diem. Von Ein KundeGraham heard a call, sounded like Baja. So without money, experience or, some would say, an ounce of cautious wisdom, he set out to walk the entire coastline of the Baja. This great tale of one man's search for adventure, which he determined could not be found in a normal life in England, is about "carping the diem". Face the fear, and do it anyway. Cactus, snakes, scorpions, heat and thirst were the price of the beauty he found there. His inner strength and capacity were Graham's real discoveries. An unlikely adventurer emerges sunburnt from the desert, carrying plastic water jugs, triumphant.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. a classic adventure Von Ein KundeThis a wonderful account of a crazy Brit's decision to walk around the Baja Peninsula. The great thing about it is that he had never done anything at all adventurous in his life prior to embarking on this trip. It almost killed him. Author captures the real spirit of the place.

Kurzbeschreibung I had never been particularly good at anything except catering to my own comfort and safety, begins Graham Mackintosh with cheerful frankness in this engaging, suspenseful, and finally stirring travel adventure. An Englishman, Mackintosh fell in love with Baja California on a visit and, despite a glaring shortage of both experience and money, determined to walk its entire coast. Into a Desert Place is his account of how he equipped himself, what he saw and learned, who he met, and how he survived on this harsh and beautiful journey. At its completion Mackintosh received the UK Adventurous Traveller of the Year Award in London. The book was first published in England by Unwin Hyman, then by Mackintosh himself in the United States. W.W. Norton published a paperback edition from 1995-2011; this is its first appearance as an eBook.

.de Englishman Graham Mackintosh seems an unlikely candidate to walk the 3,000-mile coast of Baja, California--after all, he calls himself "the most unadventurous person in the world." Yet Mackintosh spent 500 days in that loneliest of deserts, carrying his world on his back, dining on rattlesnake and cactus, drinking distilled seawater, and living with fear as a constant companion. So, just what was this "most unadventurous" man doing in a place like Baja? In Into A Desert Place, Mackintosh blames books for his transformation from armchair traveler to hardened adventurer. A taste for adventure travel literature soon developed into an addiction; when the library shelves had surrendered the last of their treasures, he went into a kind of withdrawal: "It got so bad that I even thought of doing something adventurous and crazy myself...." Walking around Baja was not Mackintosh's first choice--he considered getting married--but a trip to visit friends in Los Angeles led him to the little Mexican village of Ensenada, which had been prominently featured in one of those adventure travel tales he'd read in England. Like Tolkein's Bilbo Baggins, running down the road toward adventure without a hat or coat, Mackintosh set off to Baja without a tent or sleeping bag, hitchhiking his way around the peninsula until his money ran out. By that time, he'd fallen deeply in love with the harsh environment and was determined to come back and explore it more thoroughly. Into a Desert Place is his account of what he saw and learned on that second trip, and how he survived.

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