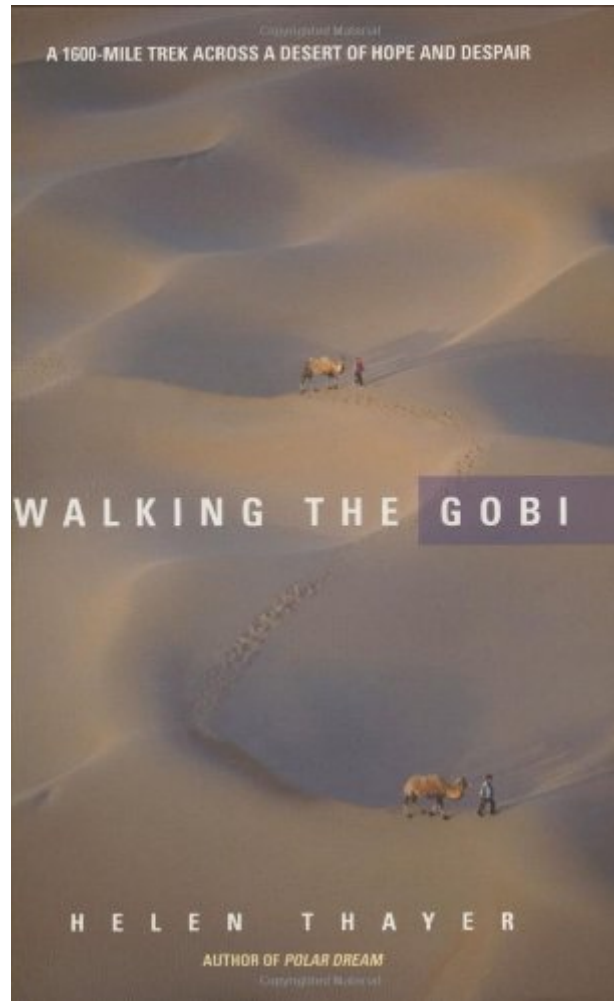




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Walking The Gobi



Customer Reviews

Mostly interesting, but deteriorated into a weird "scared I'm going to be raped" scenario that was just not.

In comparison to other books, such as *Walking Home from Mongolia* this book falls a bit short. The author and her husband were very well supplied and while they dealt with many physical challenges, most of them seemed to stem from their prior automobile accident. I'm confident the conditions were harsh, but the writing style for me never really captured those environmental challenges and eventually the book became a boring read. Kudos however to the author and her husband for their accomplishment.

an incredible and unforgettable story. However after a while it got tedious. I was very glad when she and her husband crossed the desert She was in her sixties and he in his seventies!

Miss Thayer and her husband walked across the Gobi desert, which sits on the border of Mongolia and China. This is all the more audacious because they're both in their 60's and 70's. They plan and practice for the trek and are by no means unexperienced at a trip like this. But the unexpected does arise and Thayer shares these with candor. I thoroughly enjoyed this book, feeling as if I'd made the journey with them. I'll always think of their two camels, Tom and Jerry, with fondness.

Great book. A real adventure type story in a place there isn't much written about. Well, not much written about that you would actually "want" to read. The one thing that frustrated me so much in this book, and has nothing to really do with the book itself as much as my relating to it, is the authors inability to let go of western schedule and thinking. To the point that they would take chances with their lives to stay on their "schedule". Having traveled to and been in situations like this, I have to say, stop. If something isn't working, than don't stand by it simply because that is what you do. Change it!!! Your in the Gobi desert. Schedules need to be very fluid and you need to have an "openmindedness" to change, especially if the consequences could be potentially life threatening. Totally frustrated me. Almost as if the author made it harder on herself. Other than that, great book. Very well written and held my interest throughout. Almost wish it was longer. Highly recommended.

Since I was in Mongolia last Sept. - Sept.2014 - and spent time on the Gobi Desert - rode my camel

etc - this book was a MUST for anybody who travels and enjoys adventures...81 days it took them 1600 miles from West to East. A wonderful TRUE story.

This was a book club selection and I liked it so much, I bought it for a friend of mine who is a seasoned traveller. Of course, she travels first class, but this book makes one appreciate how far others go to "rough it." One wonders "why" when reading about all the problems they encountered, but it was a lifetime dream for the author and she fulfilled it in spite of some health issues.

After reading "Polar Dream" I knew "Walking the Gobi" would be good, but I couldn't imagine it could be as good. Well, I stand corrected--it was every bit as good, and what a journey by Helen and Bill. It's a good narrative of the cultures and hardships of the desert, as well as the determination of the couple to continue. Next is "3 Among the Wolves."

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