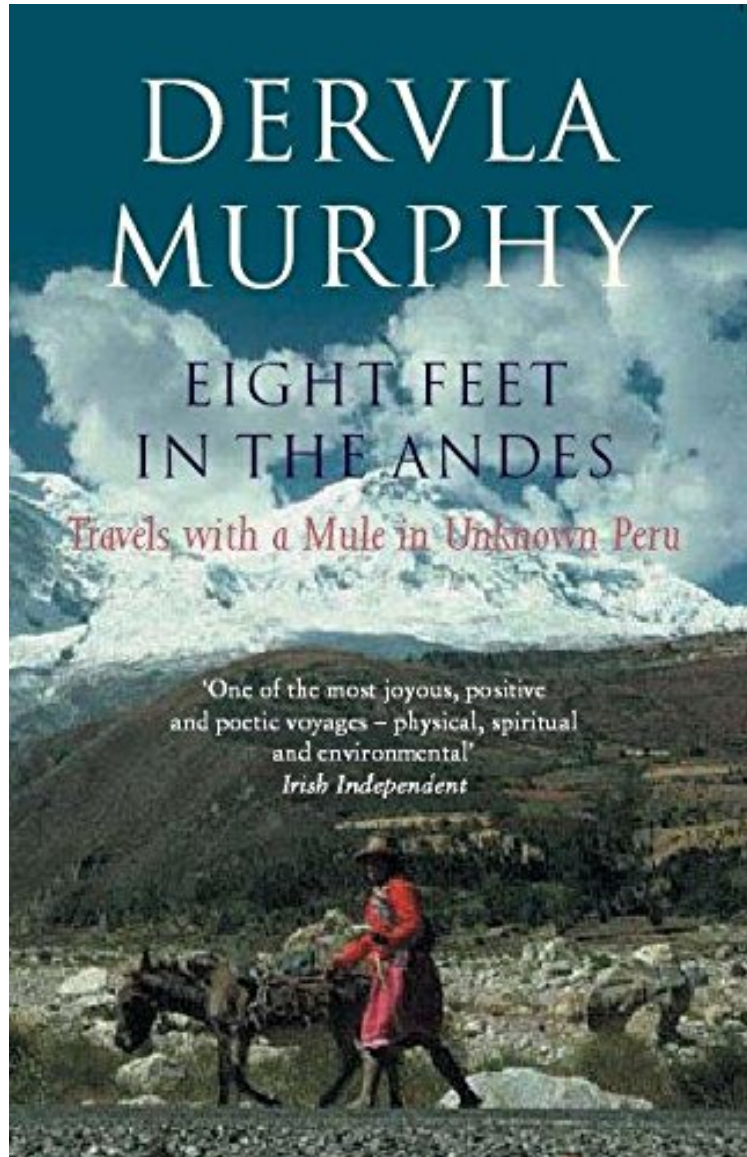


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Dervla Murphy : Eight Feet in the Andes: Travels with a Mule in Unknown Peru before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Eight Feet in the Andes: Travels with a Mule in Unknown Peru:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. WHEN CRAZINESS REALLY WORKS!By stonySHE IS NUTZ!!!.....There is something truly refreshing about a 47 year old discovering a grassy slope or knoll ...and compelled to turn somersaults. Yes itz true..this girl is delightfully crazy..and she puts her craziness to work in

wonderful employ. Handy with a pen and tough as army boots she sets off anywhere it seems...and has a wow of a time...she is over 80 years old now and what an extraordinary life she hath lived. Hard to believe at times is her unfailing self belief...she sallies forth undaunted into unknown terrain. Her robust build helps for sure but this girl is almost fearless..which is where the lines are blurred somewhat...if she is mad or just very brave matters little. This is worth all of 5 stars coz' itz just unique.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good travel book, brave woman
By P. K Sykes
This is the second of Dervla Murphy's books that I have read. She travels with her young daughter in both of them. She travels very "rough" with few supplies, and depends on the kindness of people she meets along the way. While this seems very dangerous to me, especially with a nine-year-old daughter in this case, it seems to work for her.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. but the writing is excellent. I wonder why anyone would be so masochistic ...
By A. Kavanagh
It got awfully long, but the writing is excellent. I wonder why anyone would be so masochistic and it seems cruel for her to put her daughter through all that. She should have been arrested for child abuse and endangerment. The mule got the best part of the trip. I'd like to meet Derv's daughter---she must be the best sport in the world. Dervla would get the prize for being the most egocentric.

The eight feet referenced in the title belong to Dervla Murphy, her nine-year-old daughter, and an elegant mule, who together clambered the length of Peru, from Cajamarca near the border with Ecuador, to Cuzco, the ancient Inca capital traveling over 1,300 miles in high altitudes. Despite extreme discomfort and occasional danger, mother and daughter, a formidable duo, were unflagging in their sympathetic response to the perilous beauty and impoverished people of the Andes.