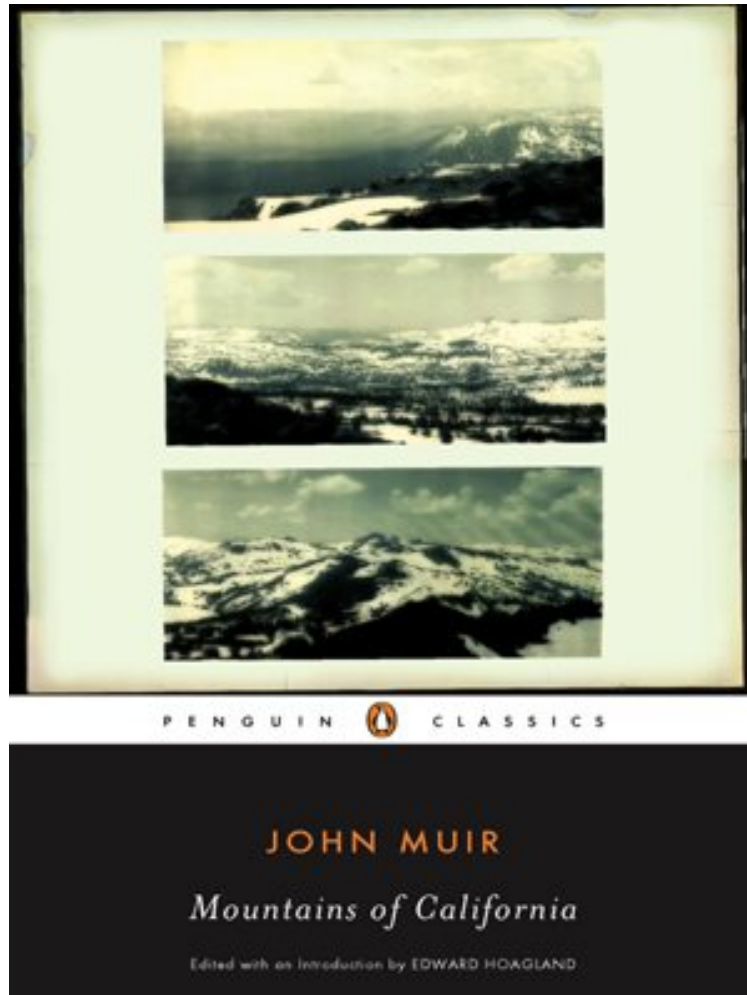


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me to hear the wind in the pines, feel the rain dripping off me in the wild rainstorms. Feel the exhilaration rounding a canon corner or popping over a peak and there beholding a view before me that takes away the breath and floods you with such an overwhelming amount of beauty that you scarce can take it in. When he describes the sequoia I felt compelled to sit down right there and observe the giants, drink that forest in, contemplate, go over the bark, the height, the forest floor, the moss, the ferns, the sky, the sounds, and smells, until you feel full and have taken it fully in. Which is exactly what I have done when I was among them myself. But Muir's writing took me right to that feeling with his beautiful writing alone. His description and obvious love of the water-ouzel (birds) felt like my own experience that I have never had in near the depth that he experienced it. This writing is a treasure and should be preserved for all times for all to read, all who cannot go to nature can almost literally bring nature to themselves; the writing and detail is that superb. Granted he does talk at length about some things in nature that are not of a great as interest to me, for me it was the mountain sheep, I hold very little interest in these fellows of the mountains, Muir's writing is so concise and organized, all I had to do was skip over this part to the next part that was of interest to me. If you adore nature and being in it, or if you adore nature and cannot be in it for some reason, this book is for you! If you are encouraging an interest in nature in your children or studying how the glaciers went through an area and carved out the land, then what happens over time because of the changes the glaciers started, this book is an excellent source of how and what. Amazing, an Icon of Nature Writing for all Times. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By JIM S. I'll keep this a long time

A stirring tribute to one of America's most remote and beautiful places by one of the first modern preservationists This Penguin Classic-Muir's first book-puts a pioneering conservationist's passion for nature in high relief. With a poet's sensitivity and a naturalist's eye, Muir celebrates the Sierra Nevada, which he dedicated his life to saving, and recounts his breathtaking visits to Yosemite Valley, Kings Canyon, Sequoia Groves, and Mount Whiskey. The Mountains of California is an affecting celebration of raw nature by one of its most ardent defenders.

"Mr. Muir is a nature-lover of a fine type, one of the best the country has produced."--John Burroughs From the Inside Flap When John Muir traveled to California in 1868, he found the pristine mountain ranges that would inspire his life's work. The Mountains of California is the culmination of the ten years Muir spent in the Sierra Nevadas, studying every crag, crook, and valley with great care and contemplation. Bill McKibben writes in his Introduction that Muir "invents, by sheer force of his love, an entirely new vocabulary and grammar of the wild . . . a language of ecstasy and exuberance." The Mountains of California is as vibrant and vital today as when it was written over a century ago. This Modern Library Paperback Classic includes the photographs and line drawings from the original 1898 edition. About the Author John Muir (1838-1914) was born in Scotland. In 1849 he emigrated with his family to the United States, where he later enrolled in courses in chemistry, geology, and botany at the University of Wisconsin. Muir made extended journeys throughout America, observing both scientifically and enthusiastically the beauties of the wilderness. The Mountains of California, his first book, was published in 1894. He eventually settled in California, where he became an impassioned leader of the forest conservation movement. His writings include Our National Parks (1901), My First Summer in the Sierra (1911), The Yosemite (1912), Travels in Alaska (1915), A Thousand-Mile Walk to the Gulf (1916), and Steep Trails (1918). Edward Hoagland's books include The Courage of Turtles, Walking the Dead Diamond River, Red Wolves and Black Bears, and Notes from the Century Before: A Journal from British Columbia. Edward Hoagland's books include The Courage of Turtles, Walking the Dead Diamond River, Red Wolves and Black Bears, and Notes from the Century Before: A Journal from British Columbia.