



## A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail

By Bryson, Bill.

Broadway. 1 Paperback(s), 1999. soft. Book Condition: New. (One of Daedalus's 25 Books to Read by Labor Day) Originally published in 1998, Bill Bryson's hilarious account of his near-disastrous attempt to hike the Appalachian Trail is a paean to wild America, and one of the 25 books we definitely want to be reading this summer. Back in America after 20 years in Britain, Bryson decided to re-acquaint himself with his native country by walking the 2100-mile trail from Georgia to Maine. Unfortunately, the gentle hill trails he knew in England did not begin to prepare him for the rigors of the AT; also, for some unfathomable reason, he chose as a hiking companion his irascible and gloriously out-of-shape buddy Stephen Katz. "Bryson is . great company right from the starta lumbering, droll, neatnik intellectual who comes off as equal parts Garrison Keillor, Michael Kinsley, and . Dave Barry. [Readers] may find themselves turning the pages with increasing amusement and anticipation as they discover that they're in the hands of a satirist of the first rank who writes (and walks) with Chaucerian brio." NYTBR 276.

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