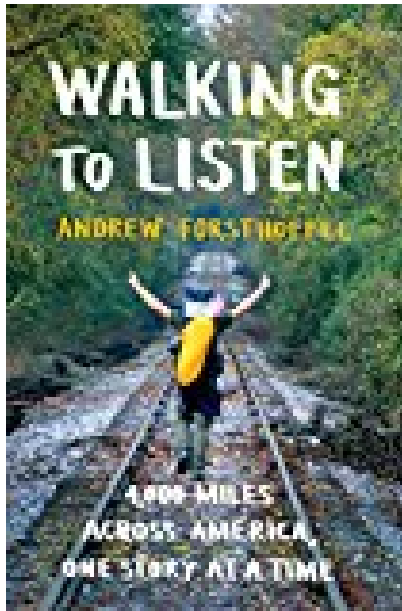


Walking to Listen 4 000 Miles Across America One Story at a Time



BOOK DETAILS

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BOOK SYNOPSIS

A memoir of one young mans coming of age on a cross-country trek--told through the stories of the people of all ages, races, and inclinations he meets along the highways of America. Life is fast, and Ive found its easy to confuse the miraculous for the mundane, so Im slowing down, way down, in order to give my full presence to the extraordinary that infuses each moment and resides in every one of us. At twenty-three, Andrew Forsthoefel walked out the back door of his home in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, with a backpack, an audio recorder, his copies of Whitman and Rilke, and a sign that read "Walking to Listen". He had just graduated from Middlebury College and was ready to begin his adult life, but he didnt know how. So he decided hed walk. And listen. It would be a cross-country quest for guidance, and everyone he met would be his guide. Walking toward the Pacific, he faced an Appalachian winter and a Mojave summer. He met beasts inside: fear, loneliness, doubt. But he also encountered incredible kindness from strangers. Thousands shared their stories with him, sometimes confiding their prejudices, too. Often he didnt know how to respond. How to find unity in diversity? How to stay connected, even as fear works to tear us apart? He listened for answers to these questions, and to the existential questions every human must face, and began to find that the answer might be in listening itself. Ultimately, its the stories of others living all along the roads of America that carry this journey and sing out in a hopeful, heartfelt book about how a life is made, and how our nation defines itself on the most human level.

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