

Hello Book Group,

Here are the books talked about at the September 2016 discussion about travel adventure books:

“Grandma Gatewood’s Walk” by Bill Montgomery was given a 3.75 star rating (out of 5 stars) – this book slowly unfolds the life of a 67 year old Grandmother who sets out to walk the Appalachian Trail in 1955, then keeps on walking and becomes a trail advocate. Winner of a NOBA (National Outdoor Book Award). The library owns a copy of this book.

“Sunburned Country” by Bill Bryson was given a 5 star rating – this book was set in Australia and infused with Bryson’s usual style of humor and detail about his surroundings. The library owns this book as well as many other Bryson books including the 2016 “The Road to Little Dribbling: adventures of an American in Britain”

“Tracks” by Robin Davidson was given a 4 star rating – this book is about an Australian woman who is curious about the wild camels in Australia and goes to learn about them and then trek across the Australian outback with some camels. She meets interesting people she meets along the way, and appreciates the Aboriginal guide who accompanies her part of the way. There is more about the camels than the trekking in this good read. The library owns a copy of this book.

“Saga of a Wayward Sailor” by Triston Jones was given a 3.75 star rating – this book is written by a man who writes about his life adventures and has many and varied experiences. This particular book takes place in a part of his life when he is working as a sailor to deliver yachts using his modified tub. He is one of those people who seems to fall into the right place at the right time despite a sometimes challenging path to getting there.

“In Search of the Medicine Buddha” by David Crow was given a 4 star rating for those who have an interest in the medicines used in Nepal. While there wasn’t a real adventure travel aspect to this book, it contained detailed information about herbal and alternative medicines and teachings used in the 1980’s and 1990’s in Nepal. The library does not own a copy of this title, but will order upon request.

Other things that came up....

“Rabbit Proof Fence” (also set in Australia) (The library owns a copy of this movie and the book as well.)

Movie “All is Lost” with Robert Redford as a sailor (The library owns a copy of this movie.)

Next month’s topic is “Banned or Challenged books” .