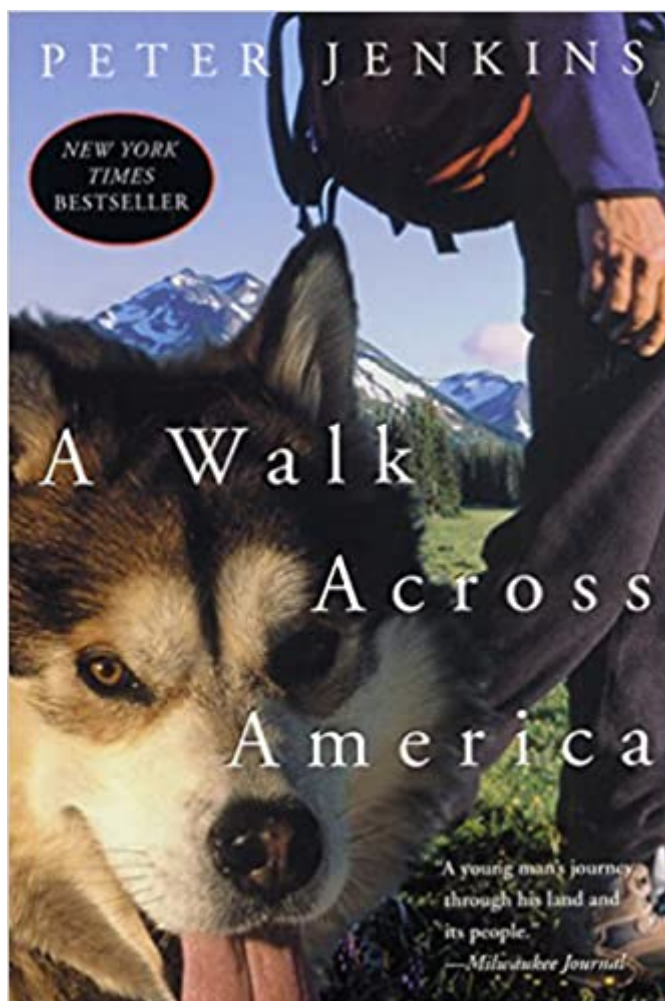


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# A Walk Across America



## Synopsis

Twenty-five years ago, a disillusioned young man set out on a walk across America. This is the book he wrote about that journey -- a classic account of the reawakening of his faith in himself and his country. "I started out searching for myself and my country," Peter Jenkins writes, "and found both." In this timeless classic, Jenkins describes how disillusionment with society in the 1970s drove him out onto the road on a walk across America. His experiences remain as sharp and telling today as they were twenty-five years ago -- from the timeless secrets of life, learned from a mountain-dwelling hermit, to the stir he caused by staying with a black family in North Carolina, to his hours of intense labor in Southern mills. Many, many miles later, he learned lessons about his country and himself that resonate to this day -- and will inspire a new generation to get out, hit the road and explore.

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"Reading Jenkins' book is the next best thing to having actually walked along beside him."

Associated Press  
With his own feelings echoing the disillusionment of his whole generation, Peter Jenkins set out with his dog Cooper to walk across America and find out what his country was really about. Along the way, Jenkins' faith and pride in his country -- and himself -- were tested and ultimately restored. Yours will be too as you read his amazing story. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Peter Jenkins is the author of *The Walk West*, *Along the Edge of America*, *Across China* and

Looking for Alaska.

The Walk West is an exciting adventure that begins in swampy, sweaty Louisiana and concludes on the cool shores of Oregon. Peter Jenkins' wife and walking partner, Barbara, is a strong writer and I sometimes enjoyed her descriptions more than his. She is billed as co-author of The Walk West but only wrote about 20 percent of the story. Her sensitive contributions balance out her husband's often rough details and gruff dialogue. I feel this book could have been about 100 pages shorter. By the time they got to Idaho, I skipped ahead to the end. Overall, though, I was riveted in many places and felt sad whenever Peter mentioned his beloved dog, Cooper, who was his best buddy in A Walk Across America. If you want to revisit a simpler time (1976 to 1979) read this book for the nostalgia and the Americana.

I kept hearing about how you just had to read this book so I finally did. I enjoyed it okay. I got a little tired of his highly dramatic writing. Some incidences just didn't ring true for me--seemed like fiction. I don't think it is a hiking must read as a lot of people claim. I will probably read some of his other books since they are pretty inexpensive. This took place in the 70's. I did like that his goal was to learn more about the U.S. and he hiked with an open mind and was very pleasantly surprised. He decided that this country is a good place with good people. I do think a lot of people who hate this country now days should do the same sort of hiking. I think they would find out it is still a good country with good people.

Good book... Only gave 4 stars because I have read better books but it's keeping my interests. It's a very interesting story but nothing to go crazy over. It's a nice relaxing book to read and it's a true story and I like true stories.

Let me tell you about this book. I got it solely because of the title (and the dog). I have had my own little rescue for about a year now, and this book pulled at my heart strings. I needed something to refuel my wanderlust and this was just the thing. It inspired me to move across country, focus on myself, and begin my own journey (with my pup). I laughed audibly at this book, cried, and have already reread it. I sent my father a copy to read as well. I can't stress how incredible this book is.

Great read and very inspiring. Causes you to pause and view people in a different light. Life should be more than just a daily routine. It was meant to be experienced and Peter Jenkins helps you see

through his eyes the good in people. You won't want to put this one down.

awesome book

GREAT book!

very interesting read... enjoyed it and loved it that it was true!!

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