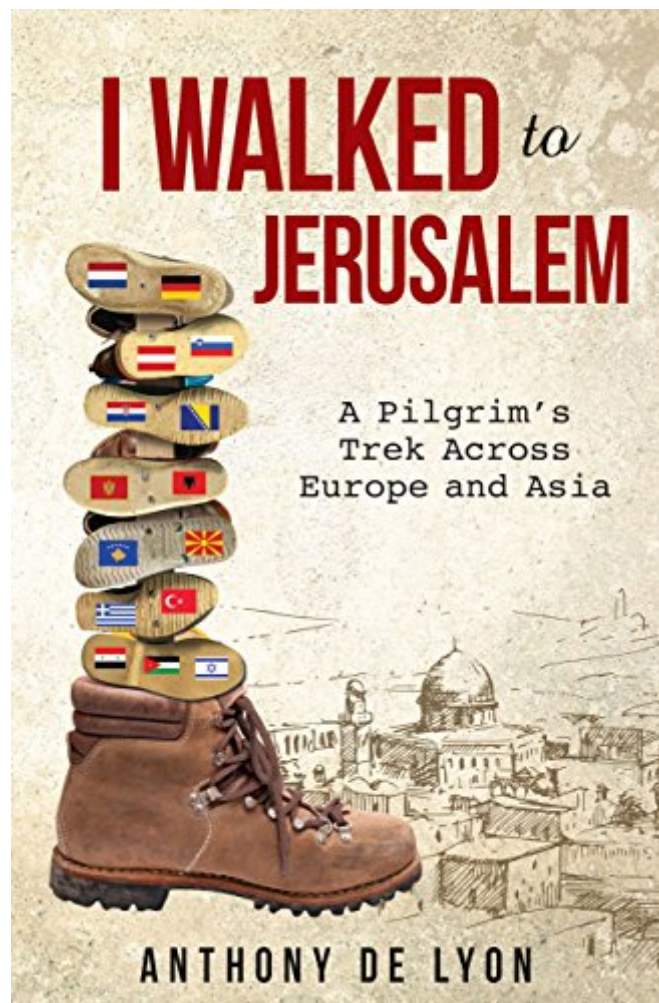




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I Walked To Jerusalem: A Pilgrim's Trek Across Europe And Asia



Synopsis

Few would argue that Israel holds a particular fascination for men and women of faith. But most aren't going to walk there and put their life on the line in the process. Inspired by the pilgrimage of Dutchwoman Johanna van Fessem, in the winter of 2006 Anthony de Lyon decided to do just that. So began a 251-day odyssey spanning fifteen countries and two continents. Trekking across Europe and the Middle East, Tony battled against dogs, clouds of flies and a deadly snake but was helped on his way by white-robed monks, a Bohemian nobleman, a speed-crazy Croatian farmer, practically the entire population of Turkey and the Russian mafia (who kindly made him a pork sandwich). Sleeping rough in meadows and open desert, exploring Ottoman mosques and Crusader castles, robbed by conmen and stalked by terrorists, engulfed in storms, blizzards and suffocating heat, Tony struggled on, aided by gallons of cola, about 2,000 plasters, hundreds of Good Samaritans, an innate sense of the ridiculous and above all, an implacable will to seek out the Divine.

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General

Customer Reviews

I can't imagine how difficult it would be to walk from Holland to Jerusalem. This book follows the author's journey and I read the story with wonder and awe. Each chapter covers a country and the adventures, challenges and people that Anthony encounters on the way. The author not only talks about his journey, but views of the countryside and the history of each country. Very interesting as some countries I had barely heard of. I found the story inspiring and encouraging, especially the kindness of strangers who were willing to help a stranger. The book is certainly not boring as each country and chapter tells a different story. This journey is a pilgrimage and has inspirational scriptures scattered through as Anthony has feels a word spoken or learned along the way. Well written and at times cryptic I highly recommend this inspiring story.

This novice begins with no preparation other than gathering what he thinks he might need and he fails due to his blistered feet. His second try is more realistic but there are still many surprises to come. His determination to walk across the fragmented Yugoslavia has him constantly on edge, but friendly people are in the most unexpected places and except for one instance where he is chased at night, he manages quite well. That he would travel through Jordan to reach Israel is truly a masterpiece of bluffing his way. Well written and thoroughly enjoyable.

Great storyteller and great story to tell. Absolute novice dares to think he can walk from the Netherlands to Israel....and he doesn't take the easiest route either. Beautiful combination of suspense, description, humour, insight, desperation, observation, travelogue....

I was excited to get this book, but disappointed once I started reading, augh... I wanted to like it so bad, but cannot go on any further. Anthony De Lyon's style of writing is just exhausting. He carries on about things that are irrelevant.

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