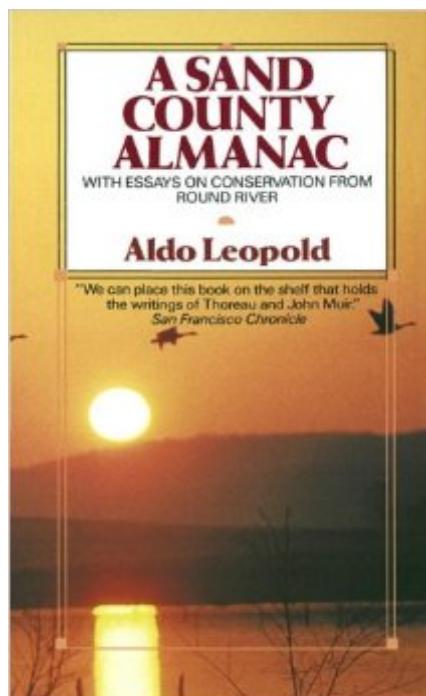


The book was found

A Sand County Almanac (Outdoor Essays & Reflections)



Synopsis

"We can place this book on the shelf that holds the writings of Thoreau and John Muir." San Francisco Chronicle These astonishing portraits of the natural world explore the breathtaking diversity of the unspoiled American landscape -- the mountains and the prairies, the deserts and the coastlines. A stunning tribute to our land and a bold challenge to protect the world we love.

Book Information

Series: A Sand County Almanac

Mass Market Paperback: 295 pages

Publisher: Ballantine Books; Reprint edition (December 12, 1986)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0345345053

ISBN-13: 978-0345345059

Product Dimensions: 4.2 x 0.9 x 7 inches

Shipping Weight: 12.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 starsÂ See all reviewsÂ (399 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #3,072 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #1 inÂ Books > Science & Math > Nature & Ecology > Mountains #2 inÂ Books > Science & Math > Nature & Ecology > Natural Resources #3 inÂ Books > Science & Math > Nature & Ecology > Conservation

Customer Reviews

I would give the actual ORIGINAL version of the text a 5 star rating, and indeed do so for the Oxford University Press edition. That version is slightly more expensive in Paperback, but has a better introduction and, more importantly, is actually printed as originally written by Leopold. The Ballantine version has been censored by the publisher to remove several sentences which either explicitly use the word "evolution" or which imply it. Granted, these are only a few sentences out of the entire book. But it makes this work something other than the work which is seminal in the field of environmental philosophy and naturalism, and such censorship is intrinsically objectionable-note also that the publisher nowhere in this book tells you that such alterations have been made nor is this version described as an abridged or edited version. Further, this change makes this version unacceptable for use in teaching science courses where censorship because of ideology or market share is beyond the pale. If you find any hint of evolution to be distracting (for one reason or another) from the fine naturalistic writing in which Leopold engages (evolution is not central to his argument or description), or are too cash-strapped to shell out an extra few bucks for the OUP edition or

something at your local used book store or don't have the time to go to the library, by all means purchase this version. It is similar in most ways to Leopold's written work. But this is not to be mistaken for that work in its entirety.

This is a profoundly insightful and important book that ranks among the most significant American books of the Twentieth Century. It would be a mistake to describe this book as "nature writing" per se, or of that genre. It is a series of essays in wonderful prose in which nature, outdoor settings or situations provide the backdrop. But it is not written as a naturalist droning about the wonders of some aspect of nature. It is an inspired and deeply insightful description, by a man who clearly has a deep understanding of how nature works, about the ethical dimensions of our relationship with the land and our environment generally. Despite the simple elegance of the writing style, it can be seen (and I know from biographical information) the author draws from a vast experience and knowledge far outside the confines of the wildlife management, which was his profession. The ideas expressed, and the many quotable passages are a treasure trove for anyone interested in broad ideas, not to mention readers whose professions involve recreation, wildlife, natural resources management, the environment, and the teaching of these disciplines as well as ethics, philosophy, and English literature. In sum, this is a must read for virtually anyone who wishes to be familiar with important American literature, as well as those with a particular interest in the environment, environmental ethics and philosophy.

I recently had lunch with Stan Temple, a senior fellow at the Aldo Leopold foundation. He told me that this edition is not true to the original text Leopold used. Apparently the type setter or copy editor was an ardent creationist and excised all references to evolution in this edition. It seemed hard to believe to me, but I confirmed it. For example, in "Marshland Elegy" Leopold writes, "The other members of the fauna in which he originated are long since entombed within the hills. When we hear his call we hear no mere bird. We hear the trumpet in the orchestra of evolution. He is the symbol of our untamable past, of that incredible sweep of millennia which underlies and conditions the daily affairs of birds and men." However in this edition, the sentence "We hear the trumpet in the orchestra of evolution" is absent. Aldo Leopold is one of my personal heroes and *Sand County Almanac* is one of the finest pieces of environmental and philosophic writing. However, I'd suggest buying a different edition.

The Kindle edition is missing many chapters found in the MM paperback edition (Part III, A Taste

For Country is almost entirely missing, and Part IV is combined with a small portion of what part III is in this edition). Since this is a text for class, and a good read besides, I am quite disappointed. Aldo Leopold and the book itself would get a 5 star rating. This edition however, leaves much to be desired.

The "Almanac" has been published several ways during the past fifty years, I strongly recommend the book published by Oxford University Press. It includes Thinking like a Mountain, The Land Ethic, and other important essays. From Leopold's Sketches: "Our ability to perceive quality in nature begins, as in art, with the pretty. It expands through successive stages of the beautiful to values as yet uncaptured by language." Scientist, educator, forester, philosopher, writer -- Aldo Leopold appears to many as something of an enigma. In his earlier writings, Leopold was a very different man than we find in this volume. In Leopold's own words: "I was young then, and full of trigger-itch." This insightful classic is a gentle, scholarly, fatherly collection of essays, observations and stories. Like Thoreau's Walden, it is revered, loved and widely imitated. Leopold: "Only the mountain has lived long enough to listen objectively to the howl of a wolf. ... The cowman who cleans his range of wolves does not realize that he is taking over the wolf's job of trimming the herd to fit the range. He has not learned to think like a mountain. Hence we have ... rivers washing the future into the sea."

[Download to continue reading...](#)

A Sand County Almanac (Outdoor Essays & Reflections) A Sand County Almanac: And Sketches Here and There (Outdoor Essays & Reflections) A Sand County Almanac and Sketches Here and There A Sand County Almanac And Sketches Here And There - American Museum Of Natural History Special Members' Edition Sunset Outdoor Design Guide: Backyard Cottages & Gazebos: Fresh Ideas for Outdoor Living (Sunset Outdoor Design & Build Guides) Live Sand Secrets: A Dialog on Living Sand Filtration A Collection of PERRY COUNTY ALABAMA PIONEERS BIOGRAPHIES & GENEALOGIES VOLUME II (PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA PIONEERS BIOGRAPHIES & GENEALOGIES Book 2) Cookbooks for Fans: Dallas Football Outdoor Cooking and Tailgating Recipes: Cookbooks for Cowboy FANS - Barbecuing & Grilling Meat & Game (Outdoor ... ~ American Football Recipes) (Volume 3) Outdoor Knots: A Waterproof Guide to Essential Outdoor Knots (Duraguide Series) The Old Farmer's Almanac 2011 Gardening Calendar (Old Farmer's Almanac (Calendars)) The Old Farmer's Almanac 2012 Gardening Calendar (Old Farmer's Almanac (Calendars)) The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2011 (World Almanac & Book of Facts) The Kids' College Almanac: A First Look at College (Kids' College Almanac: First Look at College) Stock Trader's Almanac 2017 (Almanac Investor Series) Stock Trader's Almanac

2016 (Almanac Investor Series) Jobs Rated Almanac: The Best and Worst Jobs - 250 in All -
Ranked by More Than a Dozen Vital Factors Including Salary, Stress, Benefits, and More (Jobs
Rated Almanac, 6th Ed, 2002) TIME For Kids Almanac 2017 (Time for Kids Almanac (Paperback))
National Geographic Kids Almanac 2014 (National Geographic Kids Almanac (Quality)) National
Geographic Kids Almanac 2013 (National Geographic Kids Almanac (Quality)) National Geographic
Kids Almanac 2012 (National Geographic Kids Almanac (Quality))

[Dmca](#)