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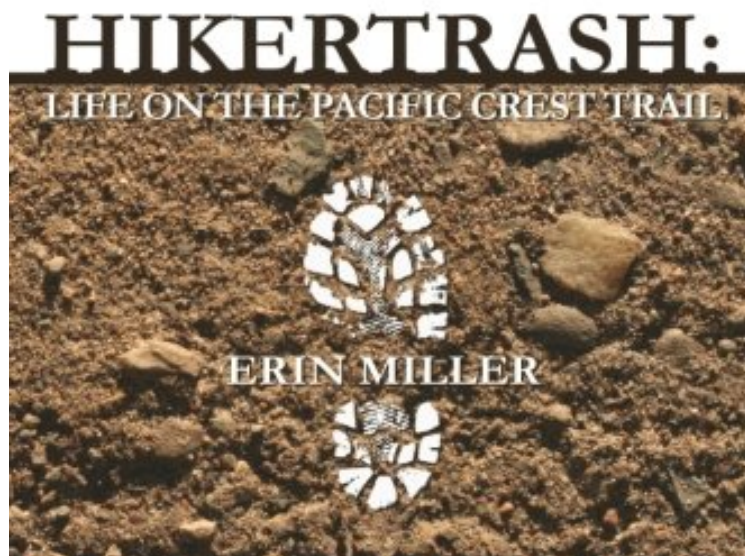
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Erin Miller : Hikertrash: Life on the Pacific Crest Trail before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hikertrash: Life on the Pacific Crest Trail:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. There is some good info here for thru hikers By TERRI SCHNEIDERS Should this be a book? I would give it a 4 for the journey and enthusiasm put into sharing that journey, but a 1-2 for the actual prose this is more a day to day journal a young woman kept on her trip on the PCT, than a book/memoir. There is some good info here for thru hikers, and I was psyched to see the couple's tenacity, but the writing itself could have been significantly more adequate with a lot of editing. 0 of 0 people found the following

review helpful. One of my favorites! By Ray Wishart A year or so ago I picked up *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed and read it. That sort of lead me to reading a lot of books about the adventures of hiking; some have been great and some sounded like "What I did this summer" essays for Junior High School. This book was probably one of my favorites, the author really keeps you involved in their story. Erin talks about the beauty of the trail, but also the struggles. She talks about lasting friendships and some of the odder people they met. I loved every chapter! I have never "through hiked" but I have section hiked much of the Appalachian Trail but this has inspired me in my retirement years to section hike some of the Continental Divide Trail soon. Even though this is not a technical manual for the trail Erin has mentioned some of the more interesting parts that I would love to see. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Captivating read By Heather Robertson Ok so the review needed a title. This book was so much bigger, so much more enjoyable, more eye opening, more grounding, more devastating and so much more beyond my expectations of what a trail journal could ever be. Yes I live vicariously through such accounts - and struggle with the reality that such exploits are unlikely ever to be something I'll experience. Yet I leave this book feeling filled with a tremendous satisfaction in having shared, albeit from the comfort of my home, such a wonderful experience. Rarely has a book inspired me to find the wonder in my life, right here, right now. So grateful to you for sharing your adventure with us all.

Teetering awkwardly on the brink of insanity, unable to handle life in snowy, cold, ultra-conservative North Idaho, Carl and Erin sold their house and set out in search of a new place to call home. Suddenly finding themselves completely free of responsibilities, jobless, and with a little spare cash in the bank, it didn't take long before their serious search for a new life took some unexpected twists and turns. What do you think we should do when we return to the States? Erin asked Carl, as they sat outside a tiny caf sipping coffee. It was a question that had been plaguing her for weeks as they budget travelled across South East Asia in an attempt to avoid winter (and reality). I've been thinking about it, and I think we should thru-hike the Pacific Crest Trail. Was Carl's totally unexpected reply. Spend months on end traipsing through the wilderness, petting bunnies and chasing rainbows, as they hiked 2,660 miles from Mexico to Canada? How could Erin possibly say no? Life Rule #1: Never, ever, turn down an adventure. Friends wagered they wouldn't last a week, but before they knew it, days turned into months as they made their way across America at three miles an hour. As Carl and Erin morphed into Bearclaw and Hummingbird, they found that being hikertrash suited them. Though they will both admit the trail was life altering, there were no great epiphanies, no magic answers to all of life's burning questions, no ah-ha! moments when suddenly life made sense. This is not a tale of personal growth. Through blisters and shin splints, jaw-dropping landscapes and craptastically unspectacular forests, searing heat and pouring rain, complete hilarity and utter exhaustion, this is the story of what day-to-day life is really like on one of America's greatest trails. As told through Hummingbird's journal entries, this is the story of life on the trail - the people you meet, the things you see, and how, mile by mile, you eventually become Hikertrash. Includes: 6 Overview Maps to Follow our Journey 19 Black White Photos of Sights Along the Trail Leave No Trace Tips Our Gear Lists Our Trail Recipes What Is Hikertrash? Hikertrash: a long distance hiker, shabby and homeless in appearance, rarely bathed and rank in odor, more at home outdoors than in society, with a deep reverence and respect for all things wild.

About the Author Erin Miller was born in the Great White North, otherwise known as Whitecourt, Alberta, Canada, where she lived until her tweens, when her parents divorced and her adventure seeking mother moved her and her brother to the white sand beaches of the sleepy fishing village of Bahia Kino, Sonora, Mexico. Growing up between worlds, Erin developed a passion for nature and the environment and a love of being nomadic. Erin met her equally adventurous husband Carl on the return end of a wander through Central America. When they aren't living in a tent, or traipsing from hostel to budget hotel, they call Bend, Oregon their home. Erin is always dreaming up adventures, loves being outdoors, and is most content when she's wild and free, her tangled hair matted with sand or pine needles.