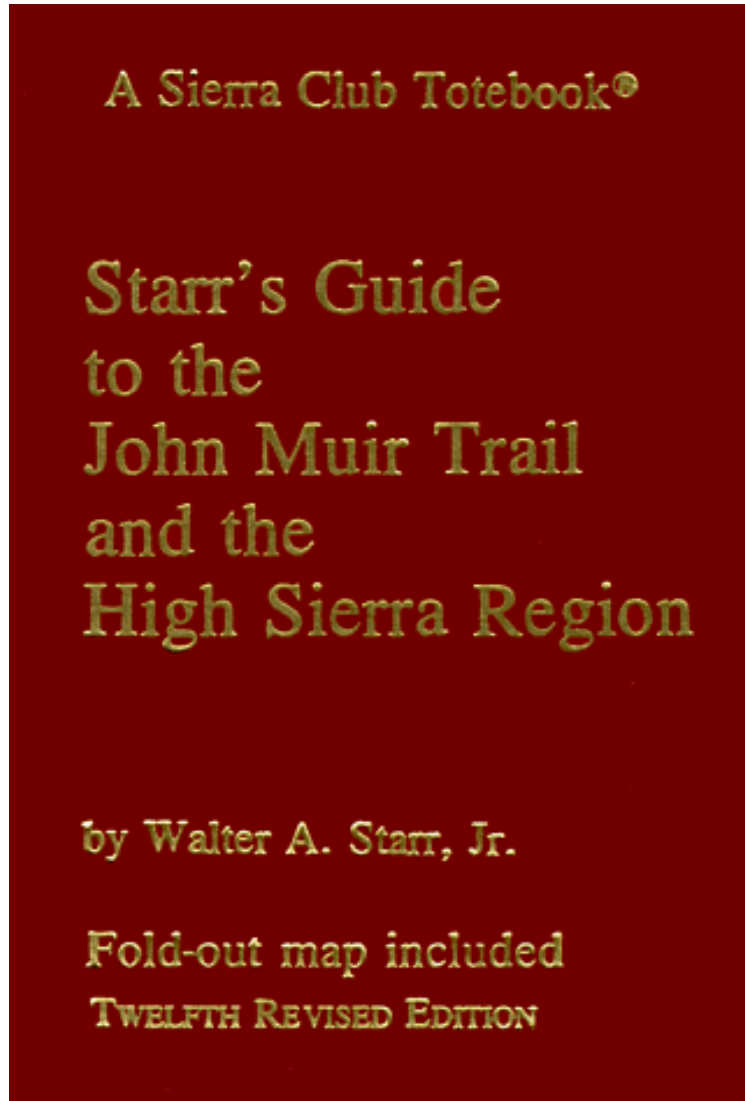


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**Walter A. Starr Jr. : Starr's Guide to the John Muir Trail and the High Sierra Region** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Starr's Guide to the John Muir Trail and the High Sierra Region:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Still the bestBy Craig K. LehmanSeveral of the reviews here complain about the descriptions in Starr's Guide being dated, but in reality this is a trivial point. Realistically, you are probably going to be covering a small section of the area described in this book on any given trip, and you will want a topo map of that area to complement this (or any) book. A larger scale map will correct any minor discrepancies such

as trailhead parking having been moved a half mile, and your wilderness permit will tell you where you are now forbidden to camp or build a fire. Meanwhile, for basic functionality, Starr's Guide is unsurpassed. The routes are still essentially what they were 80 years ago, so age hardly matters. To understand the concept of the book, look at the section titled Advice to Travelers, where Starr says "While it is possible to travel from one end of the Muir Trail to the other in a single trip, I consider it a far better plan to explore the region traversed by the trail in sections, taking a different one each trip... Each year one can look forward to enjoying a new part of the High Sierra." Exactly. If you're only going to hike once or twice in your life, e.g. marching with the masses to the summit of Mt. Whitney, you don't need Starr's Guide. But if you want to get to KNOW the Sierras, and think of hiking there as an ongoing expedition spanning many summers, then no other guide I know of will make it nearly as easy to identify the various regions you want to see, figure out which trailheads make the most sense as entry and exit points, and "fill in the blanks" as you explore. The convenient organization in terms of eastern and western "laterals" for each latitudinal slice of the Muir Trail makes it easy to plan in-and-out routes on either side of the mountains, figure out different ways of getting to favorite places, or put together grand trans-Sierra routes. And it's all laid out in a simple, clear way. Starr's descriptions are lean, but suggestive and at times poetic. For the hiker, more lengthy accounts make for a bulky, heavy addition to your pack, but add little to your ability to get there and see for yourself. Less is more. A classic. I only bought this because my previous copy (from the 1960s) was completely worn out and falling apart. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I have a good friend that has a first edition of Arion Press's ...By Jim Cowan I have a good friend that has a first edition of Arion Press's reprint of Ansel Adams's "Sierra Nevada The John Muir Trail". I bought a copy of the Little, Brown and Company reprint. This lead me to William Alsup's "Missing in the Minarets", the Starr family, and the story behind the "Guide to the John Muir Trail". To complete the cycle look up Norman Clyde. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book By Jack Conrad I'm currently working on the plans for a 4 llama/30 day N/S fly fishing trek up the JMT. This book has been an invaluable resource. While there are a lot of backpacker guides that dwell on getting down the trail in x number of days, this one spends some time describing the region. We will be getting off the trail here and there and the descriptions contained within are extremely helpful.

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