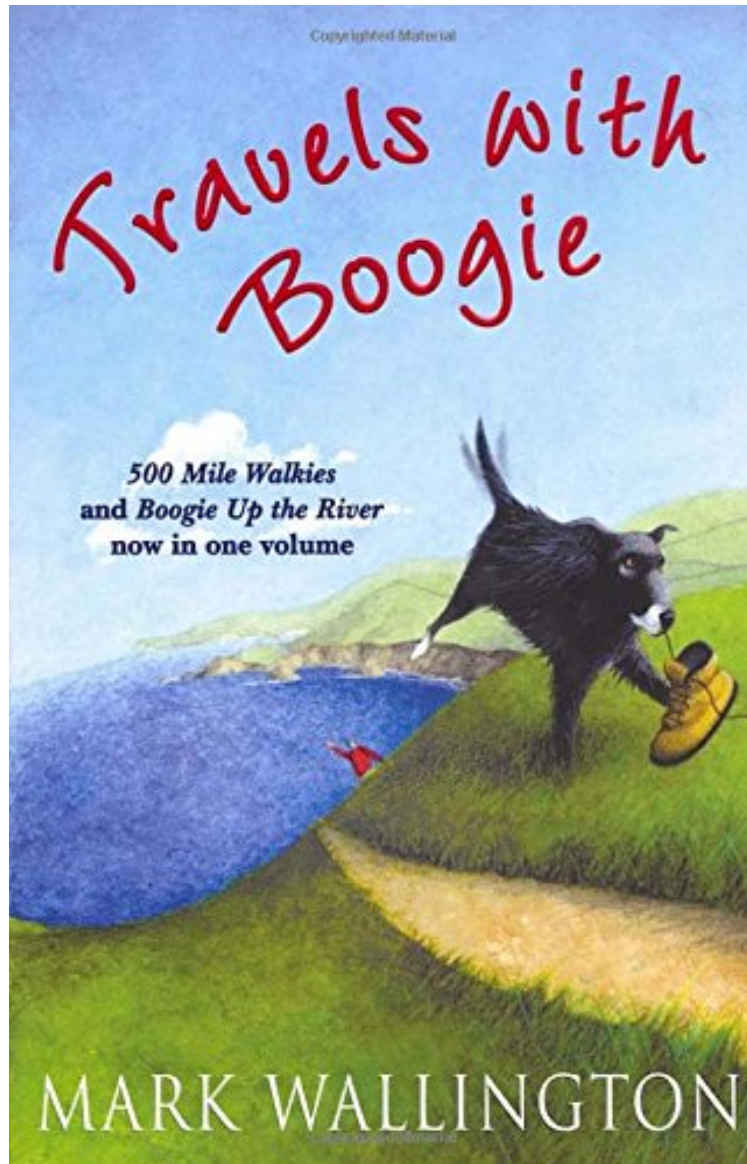


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Mark Wallington : Travels With Boogie: 500 Mile Walkies and Boogie Up the River in One Volume before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Travels With Boogie: 500 Mile Walkies and Boogie Up the River in One Volume:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Mostly boring
By John A. Lefcourte
Take note that the first two reviewers are Brits. This book was recommended to me by a Brit friend. I'm a bit of an anglophile, I love Monty Python, Jeeves, Prime Suspect, To The Manor Born. Ab Fab, Eddie Izzard, etc. But, no LOL for me. Only two CUB (Chuckle Under Breath) in the entire collection. The author tries too hard in the first chapter of the first book, "500 Mile Walkies", to be funny and from there on things get fairly boring and repetitious. The book is about his hike along the southern English Coast. Nothing of real interest happens to him. All the British towns sound the same: varying degrees of quaintness (Don't the Brits do Quaint, though!) with Pub, Harbor, boats, etc. There is some interesting info on the geology and economic history of places along the coast but not much. One day is pretty much like all the others. The author is really not a sympathetic character. Are we supposed to feel sorry for him because his nose is sunburnt and continually peeling? Hadn't the British heard of sunscreen, even in the 1980s? What about zinc oxide? We used it in the '50s and it's still available here. Wouldn't a Chemist Shop (Drug Store) recommend it to him? Maybe not, as he mentions families applying calamine lotion for the sun and we used it for poison ivy rash. He wants us to feel sorry for him because his dog companion farts and has bad breath. Hey, author: have you thought about changing his dog food and maybe not feeding him curry? The second book in the volume is a little more interesting, the author rows up the Thames to its source. Again, one town is indistinguishable from the next. Again, he plays the fool. Smelly dog and a woman who is supposed to join him but doesn't until the very end. Could he really be so enamored of her that he can't tell what a PITA she is? To me the most interesting thing about both books was that it was possible, in the eighties, at least, to camp most anywhere along the English coast and the Thames River banks. It did get me interested in reading "Three Men In A Boat" which is an account of a Thames River adventure a century earlier. I hope that it's more interesting.

The omnibus edition of Mark Wallington's two humour/travel classics featuring his much-loved dog, Boogie, in walks around England.

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About the Author
Mark Wallington was born in Swanage in Dorset in 1953. He worked for a while as a gardener in London before becoming a scriptwriter and a journalist. In 1982 he walked the South West Coastal Path and his subsequent book, 500 Mile Walkies, became a bestseller. In 1992 Mark Wallington published his novel The Missing Postman and then wrote the script for the award-winning television play starring James Bolam. He is much sought-after as a film and television writer, working from his home in the High Peak in Derbyshire, where he keeps a truly wonderful garden. He is married with two children.