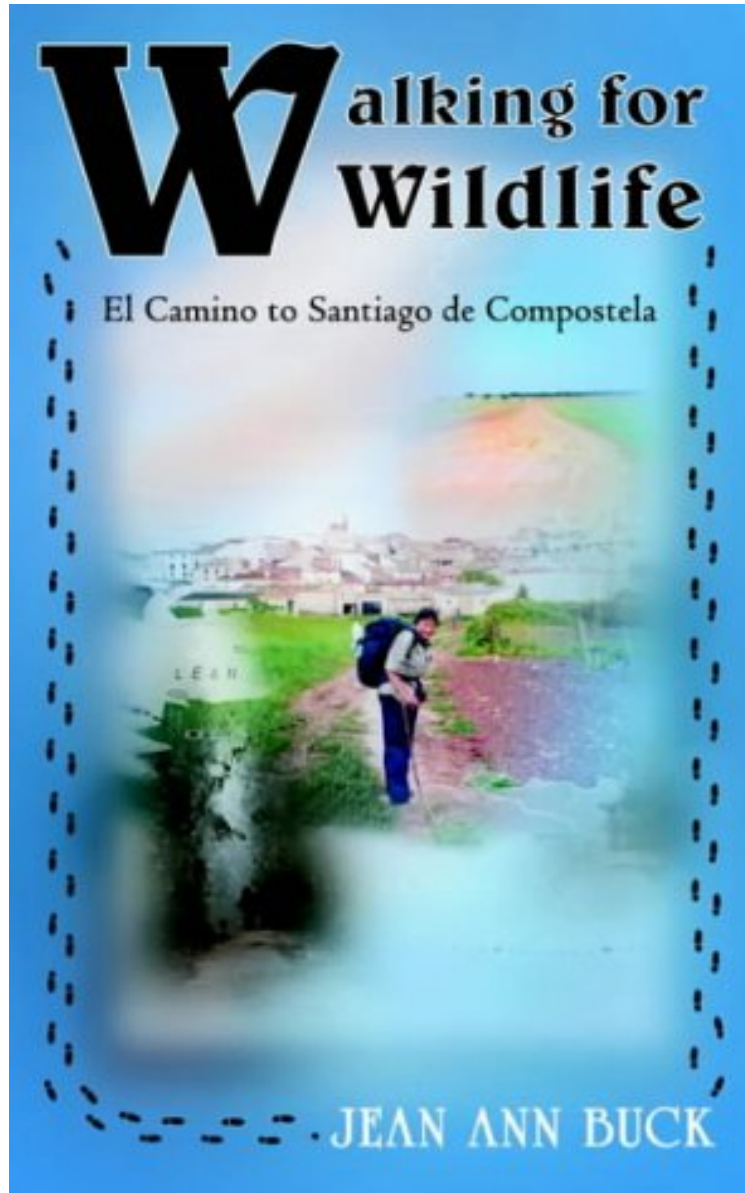


Walking for Wildlife: El Camino to Santiago de Compostela

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Jean Ann Buck : Walking for Wildlife: El Camino to Santiago de Compostela before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Walking for Wildlife: El Camino to Santiago de Compostela:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good ReadBy EleanorGreat little guide for the ageing pilgrim. The

author has a sense of humor. It was interesting to see where she stayed and where she avoided. Enjoyed the references to the history and the medieval journals. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A very spartan travelogue, mediocre at best. By D. E. Graves. This book doesn't have enough practical details to serve as any kind of travel guide, nor does it have enough insights and emotional observations to serve as a spiritual/personal growth guide. It doesn't even have much in the way of interesting and well-told anecdotes to make for an entertaining bit of fluff to read. I learned more about the author and her travel companions in the brief biographies the last 2 pages of this book than she shared about herself in the entire book, it was so impersonal. At the least, by the title of the book, I would have expected more than a few bare mentions of her cause (the Manx Wildlife Fund) if that was really her primary motivation for doing the Camino. Having walked the Camino myself, I can tell those preparing to walk the Camino that you will meet people like the author. They will keep to themselves, sniffle about the humble food and accommodations, and when the going gets rough (as it does for everyone) they will catch a bus/taxi ahead to the next town and obtain a bed in the pilgrim refuge whereas you may have to spend the night on the floor for having walked all day. Learning the patience to accept and love pilgrims like this in spite of it all will be a growing experience for you, and I am thankful to the annoying people like this that I met on my pilgrimage who helped me learn these lessons. I only wish for their sake that they had also gained similar insights. How unfortunate for them to have spent so many nights in hotels, they have missed out on some of the best pilgrim experiences. I am done now.

A grandmother of four, dons a 25lb rucksack and treks the 700kms El Camino to Santiago de Compostela in a sponsored quest to protect Manx wildlife. Her diary and notes of the route have been compiled into an inspirational journal of adventures across the vineyards, sierras and cities of northern Spain. Her light-hearted informative approach brings to life all that is to be seen on El Camino and an excellent guide for anyone contemplating walking this ancient and well-trodden path.