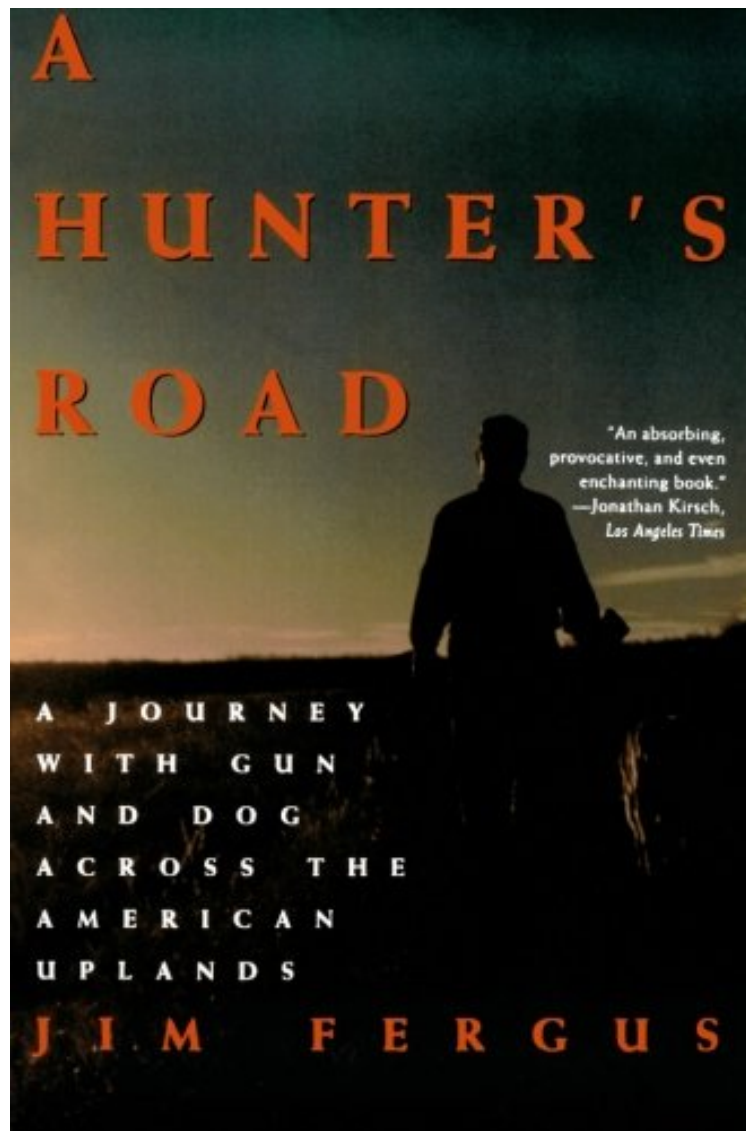


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Jim Fergus : A Hunter's Road: A Journey with Gun and Dog Across the American Uplands (An Owl Book) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Hunter's Road: A Journey with Gun and Dog Across the American Uplands (An Owl Book):

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great read for anyone who has an interest in hunting, birds, dogs, habitat protection, or good stories. Most of us do not have rich and famous friends like the author does so we won't be hunting on the vast private estates that he does in the book but the characters are interesting for sure. Fergus also hunts and camps at the public places we all visit. In fact, he has a passion for those places and laments the loss of opportunities as land is privatized and developed. The book inspired me to get back in the woods more often and reminded me to slow down and appreciate it even more. I just came back from a hike in the snowy northwoods. Flushed two grouse but didn't get a shot. But I was out there and it was awesome. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. good easy interesting read By KPI have become interested in bird hunting and dogs because my shelter pup is obsessed with birds. I've been reading these types of book and doing plenty of training with him. I find that books such as this give one a whole different perspective on bird hunting than the technical training side. This book is entertaining, at times evocative, occasionally slightly disturbing and overall a good read. I am a nature lover, aka tree hugger, and I have the same concerns as I read this book as I have had reading other accounts of bird hunting. The thing is Fergus expresses his conflicting thoughts on the topic too so it isn't IMO a gunho shoot your limit hunting book. It is thought provoking, wonderful read for anyone who has a dog that is a true companion and a wonderful way to hear about various parts of the country. The writing style is smooth and the pages fly by 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Unfortunately the constant digs at those who make a living off the land get old pretty quick. By David L James I had high hopes for this book, but truthfully I don't even know if I'll finish it. The stories are well written, and if the author didn't come off as such a pompous ass they might even be enjoyable. Unfortunately the constant digs at those who make a living off the land get old pretty quick.

In an epic season of sport, Jim Fergus and his trusty Lab, Sweetzer, trek the mountains, plains, prairies, forests, marshes, deltas, and deserts of America.

From Publishers Weekly In September 1990 freelance sportswriter Fergus bird-hunted during the opening days of the sage grouse season in Wyoming, blue grouse season in Colorado and chukar season in Idaho. Five months later, this first-time author and his yellow Labrador, Sweetzer, had hunted (and retrieved) 21 species of game birds in 24 states during a 17,000-mile journey recounted here with asides providing recipes for how to cook the various catches. Man and dog tramped in woods and fields, through swamps and deserts; they observed a shoot on a private game ranch and met hunters (and dogs) from all walks of life. Fergus gives a splendid tour of the countryside and a spirited defense of hunting as a sport, sharing his worries about the growth of anti-hunting sentiment and the decline in bird population due to loss of habitat. A fine travel-and-adventure tale, both for hunters and readers who enjoy the outdoors. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal In middle age, the author fulfilled a childhood dream by spending five months Fergus hunted and spoke with famous and infamous hunters, with biologists, authors such as George Bird Evans, and land owners. Like another Fergus (Charles, *A Rough-Shooting Dog*, LJ 8/91), he writes lyrically about the hunter's role in conservation, the relationship with his dog and with other hunters, the anti-hunting movement, and the very nature of hunting itself. Missing his targets frequently, sometimes admiring rather than shooting, he demonstrates his own axiom that "grace is a quality central to sport and art." This book is highly recommended for public libraries where upland bird hunting is pursued (and also where it is attacked). - Roland Person, Southern Illinois Univ. Lib., Carbondale Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Kirkus s Wonderfully evoked natural scenes and portraits of hunters from a free-lance writer. Fergus was 39 when he developed a "strange, overpowering obsession with bird hunting"--which he hadn't thought about since he was a boy--and came home with a shotgun and a yellow Labrador puppy, Sweetzer, named after a mountain ridge in Idaho, where Fergus and his wife lived. Once Sweetzer and Fergus learned the fundamentals, the author decided they would attempt to hunt as many bird species in different habitats as is possible in a season. Thereupon hangs Fergus's picaresque tale, in which he and Sweetzer cover 17,000 miles in five months, from stalking chukar partridges on rocky Montana mountainsides to shooting snipe in the steamy Mobile delta. Fergus paints wonderful portraits of his hunting companions--from novelists Richard Ford and Robert F. Jones to Florida blue-bloods, from dirt farmers who gladly stop their work to take Fergus and Sweetzer on a quick grouse hunt to "slob" hunters who ride the roads drinking beer and shooting birds on the ground. The dogs here are also all memorable personalities, as befits bird hunters' closest partners. To his credit, Fergus presents the current antihunting arguments and talks them over with leading bird biologists; most contend that habitat loss, rather than hunting pressure, has been responsible for the declines in bird populations. Among his adventures, Fergus goes on several organized hunts in preserves (one with a group of grim big-city detectives, who blow every bird to shreds) and laments that so much habitat in the US is becoming privatized--a situation long extant in Europe, where bird hunting is an exclusive pursuit of the rich. A top-notch dog-and-gun-book, with sympathetic focus on humans and animals as well as some fine nature writing. -- Copyright 1992, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.