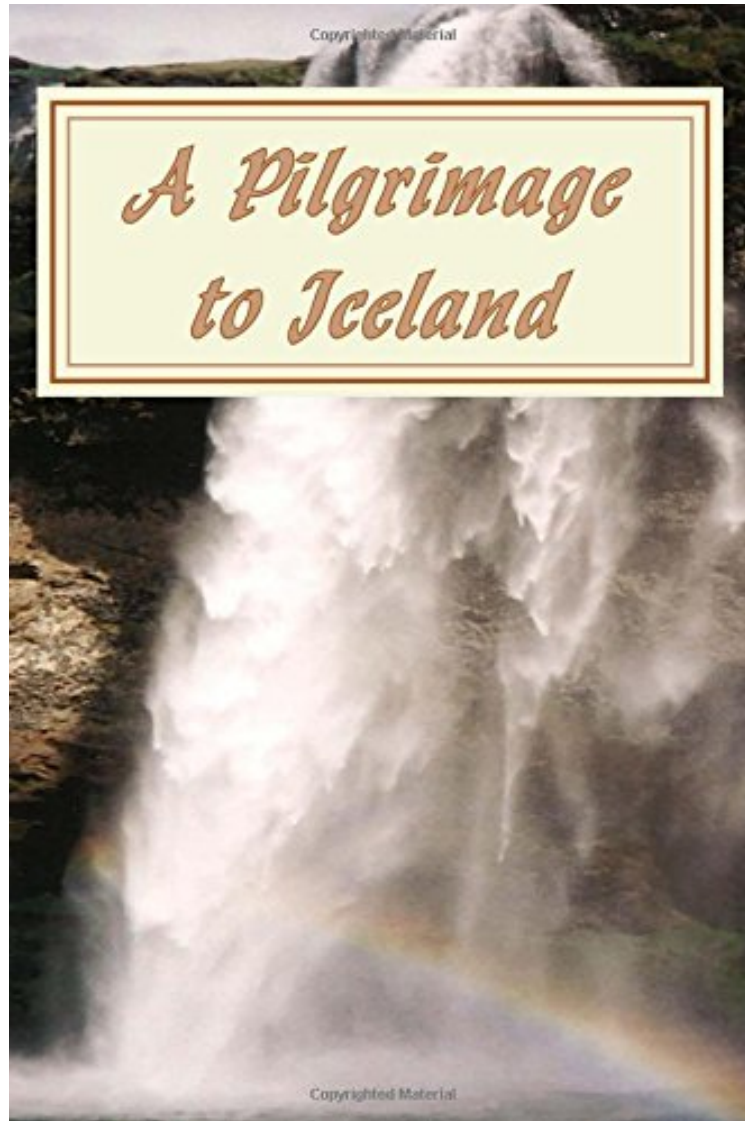


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**John C. Wilhelmsson : A Pilgrimage to Iceland** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Pilgrimage to Iceland:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Next vacation...IcelandBy LA HowellPilgrimage to Iceland by John Wilhelmsson is a one hundred and forty-two page journal of John's trip from San Jose, Ca. to Reykjavik. John and his father had planned a trip to his homeland in Iceland. Two years after his father's death, John decides to still take the trip, alone. It is not only to honor his father's memory but also to help him overcome his grief. The story is very

personal and spiritual. Several times he quotes bible verses. This story does not really have any dialogue. It follows John's actual notes from the trip and includes several pictures. This would normally bother me. I don't like the narrator telling me everything, however in this book I was completely sucked into the story and did not mind at all. In fact I was so engrossed in John's life that I finished the book in one sitting. I am not sure if it was his spiritual journey, connection with distant relatives or the beauty of the Icelandic culture that interested me the most. Each played a separate part but wove together perfectly. Beautiful story. Now I just need to book a flight to Iceland. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nice journal-like story By atomskeater After the author's father passed, he remembered that they had planned to visit Iceland. With a determination to connect with his roots, the son sets off for Iceland. I feel like A Pilgrimage to Iceland had a very slow setup, but once he actually gets to Iceland things become more interesting. Perhaps making a tighter narrative was difficult, because the book does honestly feel rather short. I'd classify this more like a memoir, as there is little dialogue or "plot", but it is a tale constructed from John's notes that chronicle his travels and his emotions as he connects with Iceland. Some of the stories and folklore he tells are very interesting, like the story of how Irish monks cursed some land so that nobody who worshiped Norse gods could inhabit a certain area. I enjoyed the pictures, especially the beautiful shots of scenery. The writing is clear and direct; I don't have any complaints about typos or grammar. People who enjoy exploring other countries through books will probably enjoy this. I didn't know about all the interesting sights Iceland has, and I feel the book did a good job informing me of that. But do keep in mind that the book reads more like a journal than a "proper story", if that is not what you're looking for. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Book! By Eileen Very interesting, exciting want to keep reading not put it down. Really got my interest. Picture on the cover really got my attention. This extraordinary book makes me want to go to Iceland.

After the sudden loss of his father a son recalls a trip they had planned to make together. A trip to his father's homeland of Iceland some fifty years after he had departed. The son decides to set out upon the journey alone in order to honor his father's memory. To set out upon a pilgrimage to Iceland. This true story features many original photos. A unique combination of personal, philosophical, and spiritual reflections this book's sense of immediacy and wonder seeks to literally bring the reader along on the adventure, while its sense of reverence for the Icelandic culture, land, and people sets it apart from other tales of Iceland. This is Iceland as seen both through the mind and through the heart.

"Those who have been to Iceland almost always recognize that there is just something very special about it. Yet they just as often have trouble really describing what that something special is." John felt this strongly himself, and describes the experience in his pilgrimage to Iceland. "You read it because it is very different, and for the emotional and spiritual journey that it is." --Lgberg-Heimskringla Book From the Author A Pilgrimage to Iceland is a journal I wrote during my first trip to Iceland in 2001. Some content has been added to the early chapters of the book in order to give it a bit more of a literary flair yet I have always felt that the charm of this book is its sense of immediacy and wonder. This is, in a sense, a personal story about the loss of my father and my attempts to both honor and grieve him yet it is also a unique travel journal about Iceland that offers some special insights into that land which has now become such a popular travel destination. As time has passed and Iceland has become more and more crowded with travelers this story has become not only a look into a more innocent age of Icelandic travel but a plea that there may be more pilgrims, and less tourists, in Iceland. About the Author John C. Wilhelmsson is a professor of philosophy at San Jose State University. As a professor John is known for his thoughtful and independent interpretations and intuitive teaching style. Born and raised in San Jose, California John became interested in a career in philosophy after reading "Fides et Ratio" (Faith and Reason) by Pope John Paul II. He made Edith Stein the focal point of his research because John Paul II mentioned her in this work. With the support of the fine professor of philosophy Richard Tieszen John began his research. John was awarded his master's degree in 2007 and his thesis "The Philosophical Contributions of Edith Stein" was named best in his college and has now become the book "The Transposition of Edith Stein: Her Contributions to Philosophy, Feminism, and The Theology of the Body." John is currently both a successful businessman and an instructor at San Jose State University.