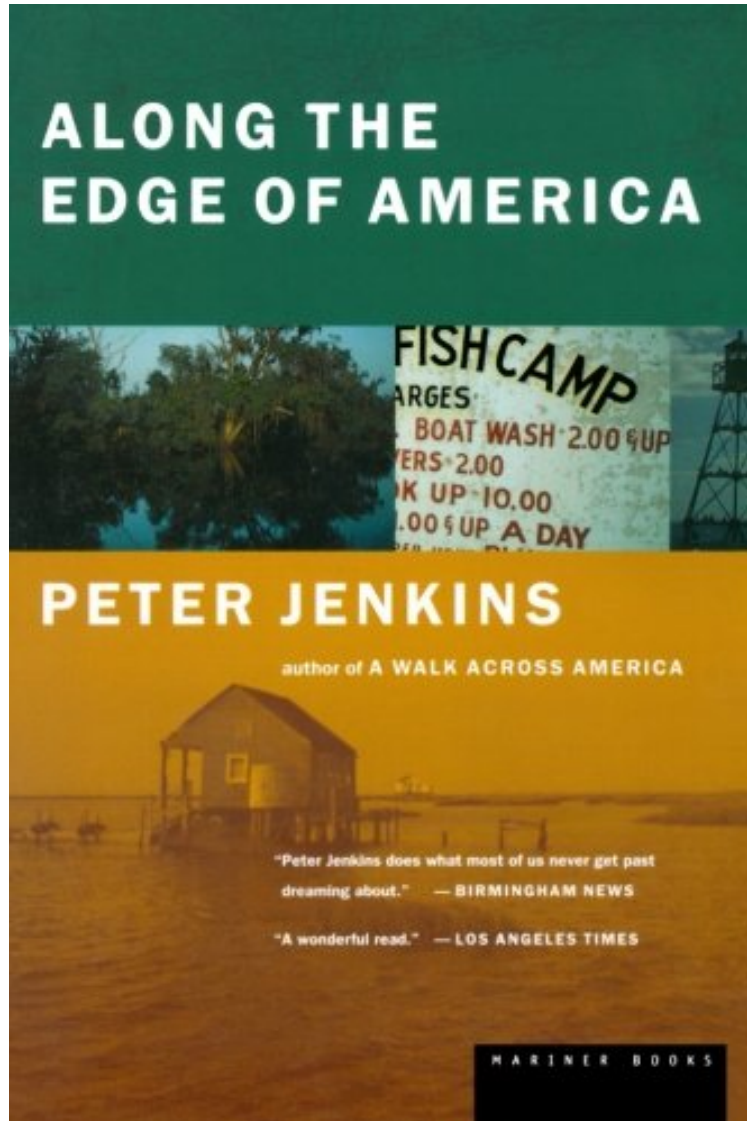


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Peter Jenkins : Along the Edge of America before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Along the Edge of America:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Amazing stories. By Amarah Strack This is whole different way that Peter travels and meets the people of the gulf coast. I have learned so much about another group of Americans that I did not know about. Amazing stories. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A Glimpse of Life on the Gulf By Robert C. Hines Jr. I found and read Peter's "Walk Across America" several months ago and enjoyed it, so

bought "Along the Edge" because I have thought about doing some traveling by boat along the coast. Peter's writing has a certain "basic" style; his books are honest and straightforward. The book details his purchase of a power boat and subsequent journey from Florida along the gulf coast. The chapters chronicle the people he meets along with a bit of insight about the geographic areas he encounters - a slice of life that most of us would never know first-hand. This book is light, upbeat reading. Readers will feel as if they are along for the ride, as in his first book. What an interesting life this writer leads, although I did tend to wonder how his new wife and kids dealt with his long hiatus off to wander and write despite their seemingly minimal visits. I enjoy his books because they are light, entertaining travelogues for those of us who like to wander uninhibited to new places and meet new people. Peter is a bit of a nomad who allows us to vicariously set off on new adventures and peek into our daydreams from a "being-there" perspective. I of 1 people found the following review helpful. AmericanaBy SopsAnother of his adventures, this time by boat through the Gulf meeting "characters".

The best-selling author and walker Peter Jenkins, landlubber par excellence, now takes to the waves and explores, as only he can, a part of America rich in history, mystery, and lore: from the Florida Keys to the Mexican border, by way of the Everglades, the treacherous "jungle woods," genteel southern homesteads, the Cajun marshlands, and Texas's coastal cattle country. It's a riveting encounter with hardy, resourceful, colorful - and occasionally dangerous - characters who have one thing in common: a fierce love for their world of wind and water and sun, a world that Jenkins brings uniquely to life.

.com In the past, Peter Jenkins' explorations (The Walk West, A Walk Across America, The Road Unseen) have been confined to land, but now Jenkins takes to the watery edge of the Gulf Coast, traveling in a 25-foot cruiser from the Florida Keys to Texas cattle country. Jenkins's riveting storytelling is all the more fascinating because his adventure is not just a paean to dare-devil accomplishments. Jenkins explains from the start that this trip was meant to renew the confidence he'd had before a bad divorce laid him low. But while he rediscovers his zest for life, he also learns how to operate a boat, navigate a storm, and avoid getting hijacked--all the while sharing the stories of the individuals he meets, from the alligator-wrestling Parker brothers to Mr. James Bloodworth and Bloodworth's Drugstore, where you can still get a hand-scooped milkshake for \$1.15. Jenkins relates a great tale, with honesty, humor, and a fine ear for language. From Library Journal At 22, Jenkins set out on a six-year walk across the country. It was a journey full of new people, places, and ideas, and it became a journey of self-discovery. His account of it (A Walk Across America, 1979) launched a successful writing career. Now nearing 40 and plagued by mid-life ennui, Jenkins once again set out, this time piloting a 25-foot boat along 1600 miles of Gulf Coast from the Florida keys to the mouth of the Rio Grande. During the two-year trip he found a startling array of intriguing characters and parts of America that few of us will ever see. The reader is also pleased that, once again, the author found himself. A travel book and more, this is recommended for all public libraries. ?Jim Burns, Ottumwa, Ia. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. "A wonderful Read" The Los Angeles Times "Will challenge your worldview, subvert your smugness, and give you a hypodermic of wanderlust" The Tulsa World