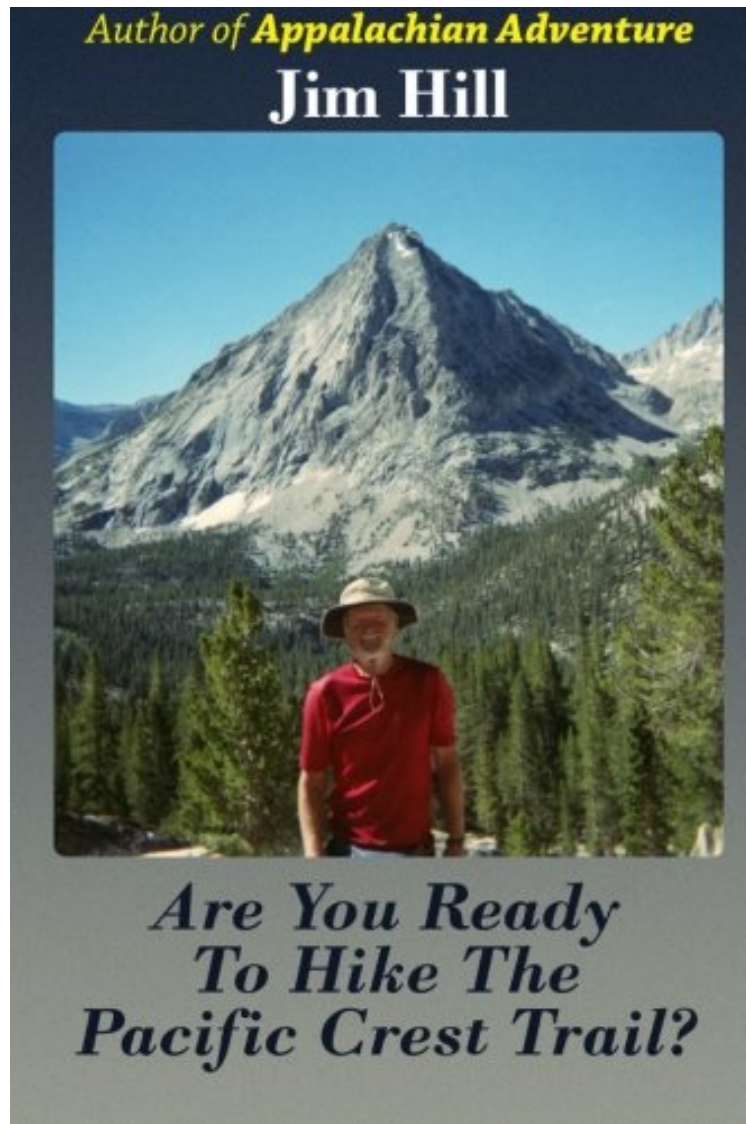


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Jim Hill : Are You Ready to Hike the Pacific Crest Trail? before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Are You Ready to Hike the Pacific Crest Trail?:

20 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Well written and very informative By Scott E. Wells I think I have read every book out there regarding thru-hiking the PCT (Pacific Crest Trail). I love this book. It may be my favorite. Jim Hill writes with such ease and comfort. With each page I feel as if I am trudging along the dusty PCT right beside him. Or more likely way behind him! He makes you feel the heat, thirst, fatigue, hunger and magic of his experience.

If you have any interest in, or inclination toward, thru-hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, read this book. While overwhelming, Jim Hill will encourage and motivate you to get off the couch and onto the trail. This is a must-read for anyone interested in backpacking. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Superb Account of the Pacific Crest Trail Experience By Big Game James This is a superb book about the Pacific Crest Trail experience, plain and simple. Jim Hill's carefree and descriptive writing style really makes you feel like you are there with him on the trail and it's hard to stop reading. In a nutshell, Jim shares his personal day to day story of his successful thru-hike of the PCT from beginning to end. And though he hikes solo most of the way, he also mentions fellow thru-hikers that he meets along the way by their trail names and provides just enough info about them to make them come alive. Some of the places along the trail such as the San Jacinto Wilderness and Mt Baden Powell are also popular day hike locations here in Southern California and I've bumped into a few thru-hikers there while on day hikes. Jim's descriptions of the thru-hikers are spot on. I came across this book after watching and being so disappointed by the movie WILD. Unlike the movie's emphasis on Cheryl Strayed's personal problems and antics that led her to the PCT, Jim's book is about the PCT hike experience, plain and simple. And it's a pleasure to read. No inner turmoil and drama, just awe inspiring Outdoor Nation thru-hiking on the Pacific Crest Trail. I have a couple quibbles, but none serious enough to take away any stars. For one, there's no photos. Although Jim mentions taking a film camera with only 27 exposures and not even finishing the roll, it would have been nice to see some of the pics. At least with the Kindle edition. The other quibble is the abrupt ending. I would have loved to read a little more about what he did after reaching the end of the trail at the Canadian border. What does a thru-hiker do once they're finished with the hike? Do they stay in hotel for a week? Does someone pick them up? Do they catch a train to Clarksville? After experiencing Jim's entire journey along the Pacific Crest Trail, I wanted to hear a little more. I guess that just shows the kind of book this is. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Down to earth...just like you and Jim are hiking buddies By Customer Jim takes us the length of the PCT as if we were beside him the whole way. The language of this book is down to earth, even occasionally ungrammatical, but that just adds to the overall atmosphere of sharing the trail as a hiking partner. As a guy in his sixties who still hopes to thru-hike the PCT as soon as I retire, I was looking for a book that would speak more to my generation. I have read several well-written accounts of PCT thru-hikers but often I found myself just a little uncertain that their experiences were relevant to me given their youth and my boomer status (one example: did everybody consider an MP3 player essential equipment?). Jim's book filled that generational gap quite well. Far from being aloof from the thru-hiker social scene, Jim reported on his hiker interactions, but at all times he "hiked his own hike." I really wish, however, that Jim had taken more than 20 photos and included them in this book. It would have greatly enhanced it. Thanks, Jim for the interesting read...and the inspiration to keep that bucket list item alive for this fellow boomer.

When I finished hiking the Appalachian Trail in 2009 I wrote about my adventure for my family and friends. A number of them told me they felt like they were hiking the Appalachian Trail with me from the comfort of home. I hiked the Pacific Crest Trail in 2012. They wanted me to write about that adventure, too. When I finished writing the book, I asked my vicarious hikers: "Are You Ready To Hike The Pacific Crest Trail?" That became the title of my book. It was a fun, fun, challenging hike that created many vivid memories: Running out of water in the scorching desert, a rattlesnake coiled and ready to strike, a lone coyote howling mournfully through the quiet star filled night, sparkling mountain lakes spread out below Forrester Pass, fragrant fields of bright lupine, cascading waterfalls, encroaching forest fires, majestic glacier-covered volcanoes, healthy green forests, bears, curious marmots, and filthy, friendly, lean and hungry thru-hikers. Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail left me with new friends and in excellent physical condition. It was a wonderful, exciting adventure. Are YOU ready to hike the Pacific Crest Trail? Join me.