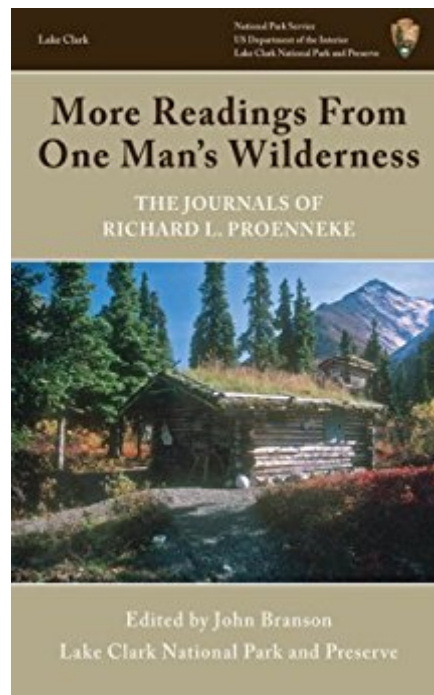


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More Readings From One Man's Wilderness: The Journals Of Richard L. Proenneke



Synopsis

Richard L. Proenneke – a modern-day Henry David Thoreau – built a cabin in Twin Lakes, Alaska, during the spring of 1968, sparking thirty years of personal growth in which he spent the majority of his time strengthening his relationship with the wilderness around him. Following in the footsteps of *One Man's Wilderness*, a classic book compiling some of the mountain man's journals, *More Readings from One Man's Wilderness* chronicles Proenneke's experiences with animals, the elements, park visitors, and observations he made while hiking in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. A master woodcraftsman, a mechanical genius, a tireless hiker with a keen eye, and a journalist, Proenneke's life at Twin Lakes has inspired thousands of readers for decades. Editor John Branson – a longtime friend of Proenneke's and a park historian – ensures that Proenneke's journals from 1974 – 1980 are kept entirely intact. His colloquial writing is not changed or altered, but Branson's footnotes make his world more approachable by providing a background for names and places that may have otherwise been unknown. Any reader with a love for conservation and true-life wilderness narratives will undoubtedly admire and relish Proenneke's tales of living in the wild.

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Customer Reviews

I suppose my expectations were to get more of Dick's philosophy or personal wonderings about life, but instead the book is basically exactly ramblings about his day to day activities- observing animal sightings, getting supplies, and what's weird about it is you feel like you have to read it in exact order to get an idea of all the names he mentions. Like, you can't just skip through it and read things otherwise you'll be asking yourself, "Who the heck is this guy he is talking about" or whatever. He does very little deep thinking which is what I was surprised about. This collection is like, "Woke up late today at 5:30 am, had my usual oatmeal. The birds came again today and ate of my hand, went over to this "X" hill and saw a bunch of animals. Answered letters and then like did some random stuff." I wouldn't buy it again.

This copy of the book was really odd. The cover looked like a bad photo-copy of a book cover. Like someone went to the office xerox machine and made a copy of the book's cover. It was very blurry and poor quality. The content, however, is great! If you are a fan of Proenneke and the life he lived, this book is a great companion to One Man's Wilderness. I would recommend buying some book tape and reinforcing the spine of the book so it holds up through the long read.

What I didn't realize was how big this book is. Keep in mind that these are Dick's unedited journal entries about day to day life and do not read like an actual book. As others have mentioned, the quality of the book itself is poor but the words are not blurry like the covers. A must-have for those who like reading about the life of this amazing man.

I was very excited to get this book in the mail after reading "The Early Years The Journals of Richard L. Proenneke 1967-1973". My excitement quickly went away after seeing the EXTREMELY poor print quality of this book. It is very blurry, to the point of being distracting. The back cover is not even readable, the pictures inside and out are of TERRIBLE QUALITY. I have had the book in my hands for less than 5 minutes and am already processing the return. I would do well to cut ties with whoever actually printed this book.

The readings themselves are great. The footnotes are helpful in explaining who the different people were that mentioned from time to time in Dick's journal. My biggest disappointment though is in the

very poor quality of the pictures. They were very grainy and some were blurred. That's why I only gave this book 2 stars.

I just admire the man and the way he lived life... that simple take on things. If you liked anything else that he wrote you will probably like this one as much... just keep in mind it's written as a journal (that's why it has "journals" on the title), so a day-by-day entry of his normal everyday life activities. Some people love it, some people hate it... just know what you going for. If you haven't read anything Dick Proenneke yet, I suggest you start by reading *One Man's Wilderness: An Alaskan Odyssey*, written by Sam Keith, which gives a more "readable" glimpse into the great life of this man.

I purchased my copy from in 2009. The first book I received had damaged inserts, but they replaced it right away. I first learned of this wonderful man from the PBS broadcast of *Alone In The Wilderness*. After my first viewing, I had to learn more about him and his life at Twin Lakes. First I read "One Man's Wilderness", and found it contained everything in the program. Subsequently I obtained all the dvds that are available through today. They are all fascinating. Dick Proenneke's writing keeps me grounded. I've read "More Readings" three times since my purchase, and enjoy it as much each time through. Other reviewers are correct, there is another book available from the Park Service through their bookstore, and I have ordered a copy of that, as well. This man's writing, and the photos of his amazing life style, will be with me for my lifetime. Since I cannot imagine being in a position to visiting the cabin where he spent so much of his life, the dvds and journals are the next best way of viewing the place and imagining what it was like to be there, summer and winter, in the Twin Lakes region. I am eternally grateful so many of his friends and relatives are interested in sharing his insights. Thank you!

I purchased this book as a gift for my hard-to-please mother, who had viewed the PBS television documentary about Richard L. Proenneke and his quest to live in the wilderness of Alaska. She was enthralled by his tenacity and determination -- and she was absolutely tickled when she opened her present! This book goes into much, much more detail than the documentary was able to, highlighting Richard's struggles and triumphs as he builds his homestead in a remote area of Alaska -- entirely by himself -- foraging for wood, making his own tools, growing his own food, etc. Vivid descriptions of the scenery, climate, and wildlife enhanced this amazing true story about a man who chose to live off the land, alone in the wild, for thirty years. Highly recommended!

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