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The Pyrenees are by turns beautifully natural and bleakly austere; shaped by centuries of labour... and scarred by human suffering. In "Footprints on the mountains," Steve Cracknell returns to them - on the Spanish high-level Senda - to see how they are changing. It is the story of an ageing hiker and a long and sometimes difficult walk.

In the valleys he talks to locals and meets an eccentric cast of hikers. But on the heights he is alone with "marmottes" and "sarrios." He listens to both sides of the argument over the reintroduction of bears. And goes searching for ibex imported as part of a rewilding programme.

Bear festivals, witch trials, and refugees are as much part of the tale as the spectacular scenery; the World Heritage Ordesa canyon and the twisted waters of the Aiguestortes are part of the backdrop.

More than just a footnote on the place of the ancient wild in the modern world, this is the book to read if ever you dream of escaping to the hills.

Review by Humphrey Weightman on Amazon

Absolutely first class – recommended without hesitation

I enjoyed it immensely... Make no mistake, this is not some class of macho trail journal - rather Steve fully engages with a multitude of diverse individuals and brings a keen humanistic sensibility to matters of environment, history, politics and the arts. With some wry humour. And yes, there are detailed passages covering La Senda per se which will be of interest to both those considering the adventure and the most grizzled of veterans...

More details and blog on LaSenda.net.

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Roxanne says

This is a Goodreads win review. This is a good book about a hiker in the Pyrenees and the people he meets. The book is good but the tiny print is hard to see.

Danielle Tremblay says

I won this book in GoodReads giveaways.

If you want to read a book through which you will have the feeling to follow the hiker, to live the same pleasures and difficulties than him, to admire with him the beautiful scenery, to fill your lungs with the fresh air, to find the best places for nights and chat with other walkers and local villagers, read this book.

This reading will free your minds of your daily routine.
