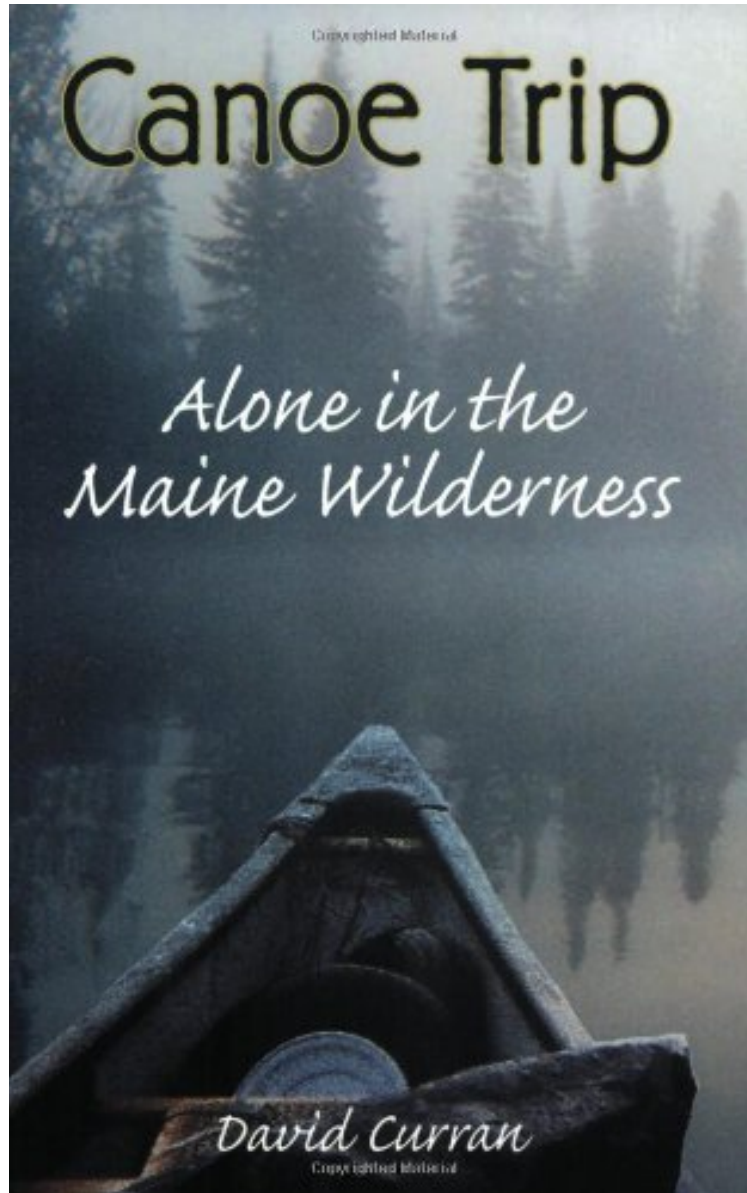


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reviewer was upset with his brief characterization of the great people of Maine. I think Mr. Curran was trying to be more humorous than serious, and that he really does have nothing but the highest respect for the people of Maine. Good read.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. truly a whole other experienceBy solocanoeI really couldn't wait to get this book after I found it here on . As a solotripper - one who takes his canoe alone and goes into the wilds - this book sounded wonderful.The author does a fantastic job of explaining why he does what he does. Some reasons I share, some I do not. He goes into some extended details that may be a bit much for a non-paddler to chew on, but the book should satisfy the appetite of anyone looking for ammunition to go alone and explore.In the end, a canoe trip alone is a time of growth, healing, and probably as much salvation as anything.While the world today is full of man-made noise, this book does well in trying to explain how beneficial it is to eliminate all of that. To be quiet. To be alone. It certainly made me look forward to my next trip...a gift I am sure the author takes pleasure in giving.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Perhaps alarmist, but very engagingBy CalypsoreidI bought this item immediately before embarking on a long-anticipated canoe trip in Maine, one of the routes mentioned in this book. My co-adventurer also had a chance to read most of it before we went into the wilderness... While there is plenty of practical information, much of seems alarmist after the fact, in our experience, at least. The book is highly readable, gives good tips for beginning canoe campers, and can be quickly devoured. Don't get too worked up over the bears/moose/capsizes/misadventures that seem to haunt the author!

Each year Dave Curran travels alone by canoe into the Maine wilderness. He's paddled the Sebocis, the Allagash, and the Moose. Despite the risk of such an adventure, he prefers to go alone. It's easier to plan, and going alone he's more focused, less distracted. He goes for the challenge, battling weather, bears, black flies, mosquitoes, getting lost. He goes for the scenery, the wildness, the silence, the peace. An insightful and compelling read for all who dream of making this kind of backcountry trip.

About the AuthorDavid Curran works as a clinical psychologist and lives with his wife and two children in Berlin, Massachusetts.Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved."It was incredibly quiet. The water lapped against the shore. An intermittent rustle of breezy branches. There was no other sound. You could strain and still find none. It is one of the things I go for, one of the things I want. At the same time it's mildly unnerving. It means something serious and important. This silence isn't kidding. You are alone."