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Steve Adams : My Appalachian Trial II: Creaking Geezer, Hidden Flagon before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised My Appalachian Trial II: Creaking Geezer, Hidden Flagon:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. My Appalachian Trial II: Creaking Geezer, Hidden Flagon - And EXCELLENT ReadBy Edward A. ClevelandThe 2nd of this series picks up where the first left off - and takes you through the rest of the trail all the way to the conclusion at Mt. Katahdin and ends with some personal observations and final thoughts. In between is a continuation of an interesting and talented writer's observations of hiking what

many consider to be more than just a bucket list experience but a personal challenge that tests the hiker's skills, strength, mental toughness, and perseverance. It takes all of that, and then some. The writer spends some additional time in this edition introducing us to some of the characters he met with along the way, and how some of them are people that he hadn't seen for hundreds of miles along the Trail. And, I'll not spoil it for you about an important decision that he made going into Maine, but suffice it to say that the value of many of these characters become a lot more than just momentary contacts. If you read *My Appalachian Trial I: Three Weddings and A Sabbatical* you should. It lays a foundation for where this one picks up and how the writer got to this point. But, putting both in one book would have been WAY too much. After all, this writer is recalling and sharing his innermost thoughts about a hike of some 6 months and over 2,200 miles! I strongly recommend *My Appalachian Trial: Creaking Geezer, Hidden Flagon* as a companion for his first book, *My Appalachian Trial I: Three Weddings and A Sabbatical*. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Funny, insightful, and true

By C.B.E. Steve Adams, aka Mighty Blue, started writing his Appalachian Trail memoirs and soon found it had grown to 250,000 words. Ordinarily, this would be a warning sign of an amateur who simply does not know how to turn off the spigot. But thankfully, that's not the case with "Three Weddings and a Sabbatical" (volume 1) and "Creaking Geezer, Hidden Flagon" (volume 2; hilarious title). Adams not only possesses a clever British wit, but is a truly effective, entertaining, and informative writer. If you want to know what it's like to hike the AT, you won't go wrong reading Mighty Blue's account. I notice that some reviewers have objected to his weaving elements of his past and personal lives into the account of his hike. But honestly, once you've hiked the trail, you begin to understand how it has a way of bringing such introspection to the surface, and it's not at all out of place here, in my opinion. Those who (mistakenly, in my opinion) think it is somehow not integral to his hike can of course skip these more "domestic" bits, but I appreciated the author's candor. Remember, the two best books, or at least most successful, "about" long-distance hiking, Bryson's "A Walk in the Woods" and Cheryl Strayed's "Wild," are good *because* they are more than just another tedious, slightly glorified hiker journal (of which there are far, far too many). Steve Adams is funny, insightful, and full of honesty about what it takes to hike the Appalachian Trail. If you want a taste of that experience, you can't go wrong with his two-volume memoir. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Even better than part one

By Tina Graham Bell I appreciate that this is not a sequel in the true sense of the word but , nevertheless , he's done it - the sequel is even better than the first book . By this point , Steve's standards as a hiker , writer and human being are becoming very well honed . The AT has now got deeper into his skin than even that dog's teeth did and he recollects each significant moment of his journey with great clarity ; managing to tell his story in a thoroughly engaging manner bringing the varied and interesting characters of his fellow hikers to life along the way . A thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining read - I literally could not put this down and I feel like I have through hiked the whole trail with Steve (minus the resultant weight loss , sadly) .

Steve Adams, a retired, overweight, 61-year-old Brit, who had never hiked in his life, decided one day that he wanted an adventure. Not willing to settle for just any old adventure, he decided to hike the entire length of Americas Appalachian Trail, a beguiling attraction for many hikers, both home-grown and from all corners of the globe. Stretching from Georgia to Maine, taking its travelers on a whimsical journey through national forests and parks, along ridges and over mountains, the A.T. is the longest hiking-only trail in the world. The Appalachian Trail is physically strenuous and emotionally taxing, involving a commitment of about six months to complete the entire 2,200 miles: only one in four of the people who start in Georgia will actually complete the hike. Steve was completely unprepared for the myriad challenges that the trail offered him, but took them on with gusto. *My Appalachian Trial II: Creaking Geezer, Hidden Flagon* takes up the story when Steve returns to the trail after his unplanned visit home. The reader shares his journey, walking alongside him as he falls constantly, laughs loudly, and observes wryly. You'll be cheering Steve on as he doggedly heads north in search of his destiny at the top of Mount Katahdin.