

The Wild Muir (a collection of his adventures) by John Muir (1994)

1838 John Muir was born Scotland
'49 his family immigrated to WI & homesteaded 80-acres (later bought 320-acres farm land).
'64-66 traveled Canada
'67 walk from KY to FL (almost died of malaria)
'68 moved to Yosemite & built a cabin near a creek
'72 experienced an earthquake in Yosemite
'74 climbed Mt. Shasta
'79 first of many trips to AK
'80 married Louie Wanda Strentzel
'82-87 raised family on his fruit farm in Martinez, CA
'88 climbed Mt. Rainier
'90 helped get Yosemite as a national park
'92 founded Sierra club & became their first president
'93 visited Europe
'03 gave President Ted Roosevelt tour of Yosemite
'06 explored AZ
'13 lost fight to save Hetch Hetchy Valley
1914 he died in Los Angeles

Lee Stetson carefully chose experiences from Muir's journal to create this book. Some examples are: surviving a snow avalanche; swaying in the top of a tree on a windy day; being caught on a mountain top in a snowstorm; falling into ice-cold water in Alaska; coming face-to-face with a bear & snake; snow-blindness; climbing an ice cone at the base of the Upper Yosemite Falls; etc.

He was the first to explore the Tenaya Canyon (Little Yosemite Valley) 2000' above the main valley floor & Tenaya Lake was another 2400' higher.

Lee Stetson portrayed Muir as a one-man dramatic presentation for over ten years all around the world, based in Yosemite.

Quotes: "Winds are advertisements of all they touch [scents]." (John Muir)

Books: Mountains of California; Our National Parks; My First Summer in the Sierras