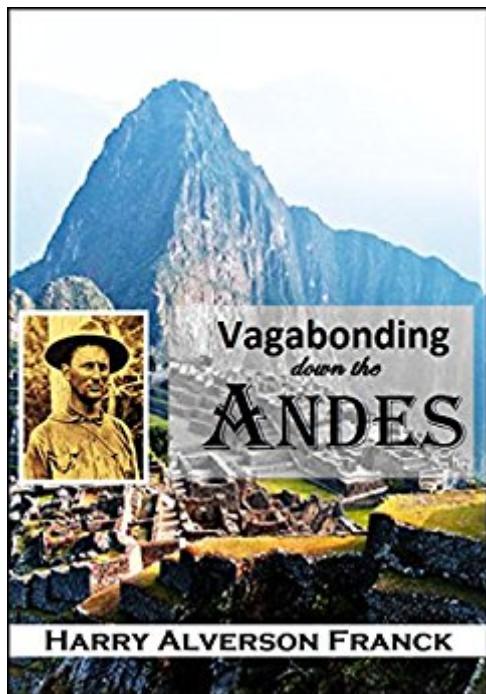


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Vagabonding Down The Andes: Being The Narrative Of A Journey, Chiefly Afoot, From Panama To Buenos Aires



Synopsis

Harry Alverson Franck (1881 – 1962) was an American travel writer, World War I soldier, and former police officer in Panama. He is author of "A Vagabond Journey Around the World" and many other famous books of travel. In this book the prince of vagabonds and the world's greatest hiker gives us the record of a journey along the west coast of South America from Bogota to Buenos Aires. When tired of reading war books one should turn to Mr. Franck's "Vagabonding down the Andes." Mr. Franck takes the reader with him through the wilds of Columbia, Peru and Bolivia, stopping at the mountain inns, meeting the Indians, seeing the life about him with unhurried eyes. The great charm of the book is that one feels that the author is not a tourist who spends three weeks in the country and then writes about it. Mr. Franck takes time, unlimited time, and he understands the people and tells about them in a frank, clear, sympathetic manner that holds the interest of the reader from the first to the last page. The book is filled with photographs taken by the author and they add to its charm. One June day Franck turned in his police badge to the Canal Zone authorities and headed south, accompanied by one Leo Hays another Zone policeman of wandering blood. With only a kodak apiece and what slight baggage they could carry on their backs the pair headed up the Magdalena to Bogota, thence on foot to Quito in Ecuador, where Hays struck down to the coast and Franck went on alone down the backbone of the Cordilleras along the old Inca highway to Cuzco in Peru and the forgotten Inca city of Machu Picchu, thence across Bolivia, still on foot, to La Pa and Santa Cruz and wildest of all, on across the 500 miles of wilderness to the Paraguay, and finally down to Buenos Aires – 21 months after he had left Panama. Sounds all very natural. doesn't it? Walking trip, beautiful scenery, quaint native life. interesting food and the rest. What Franck really experienced was a long succession of alternately freezing and scorching in Andean mountains and valleys, of forcing his way into native huts at night and grudgingly being allowed to sleep in a harness room or perhaps on a mud bench or if he was lucky on a table, of eating what he could wheedle out of natives, and of fighting off attacks of fever. A linguist of uncommon ability, he everywhere mingled with the natives and jabbered with them in their own dialect; and a scholar familiar with his Prescott and reading omnivorously of the native literature, he is able to present a varied back-stage setting for the myriad fascinating human scenes he depicts. This book is not to be missed it for a whole week's salary and anyone who reads this book will be likely to turn right around and read it again. Works by the author:
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