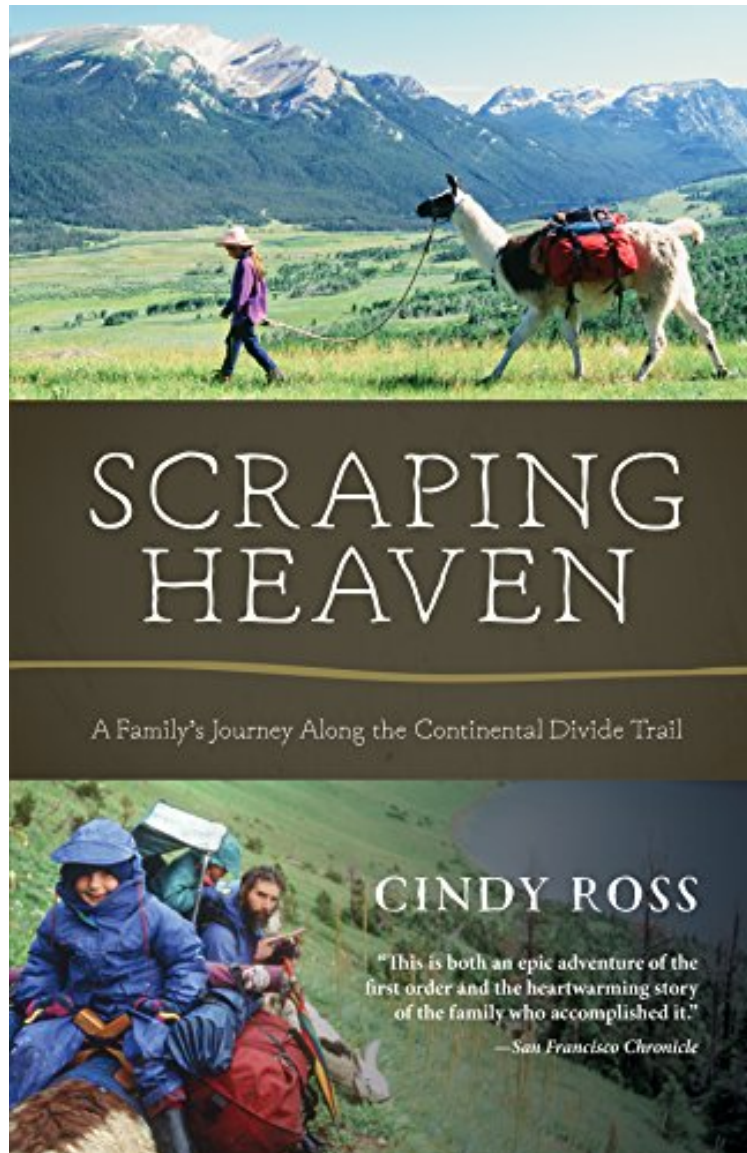


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donkeyI've read Cindy Ross' book "A Woman's Journey" about hiking the Appalachian Trail, and I loved that book for the illustrations and accurate but charming descriptions of the reality of trail life. (I have backpacked about half of the AT). In the Kindle version of "Scraping Heaven," there were no illustrations at all-- a disappointment. My biggest frustration with the book was the lack of editing. It read more like a journal, less like a book. It felt like we were seeing raw, unedited thoughts that, upon reflection later, would've been softened. I want a description of the ins and outs of hiking along the continental divide without extremely personal information. I'm embarrassed on behalf of her husband and children to read about intimate details of their sexual relationship. Why does the public need to know this? I don't want to read ANYTHING about contact with a llama's sphincter. There were a lot of details that didn't contribute to the story line. I can't recommend this book. Cindy Ross's family has done a lot of interesting things in the wilderness and have great experiences to share: unfortunately, this book needs improvement in storytelling. Photographs and illustrations would also contribute interest; the paperback may include those.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Three StarsBy Jessica GrahamAn interesting story; I can't imagine taking children on this kind of endeavor.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy BeckyGreat long distance hiking adventure complete with kids and llamas.

Not only are readers given the opportunity to experience the sheer beauty and at times frightening dangers of the trail, but they also watch two children grow and learn to call the trail their home. Well written, captivating, and incredibly educational, this adventure is a lesson in the simplicity of life and the beauty of accomplishment. Publishers Weekly"This is both an epic adventure of the first order and the heartwarming story of the family who accomplished it." San Francisco ChronicleNow available for the first time in paperback and ebook, Scraping Heaven is the story of a family's adventurous trek over the rooftop of North Americaa warm and heartfelt account with a powerful message for parents, long-distance hikers, and outdoor adventurers alike.The Continental Divide Trail, a rugged 3100-mile footpath running along the crest of the Rocky Mountains from Canada to Mexico, is infamous for its tricky mountain passes and snowy traverses. In 1993, Cindy Ross, her husband, and their two toddlers set out together on the Trail. Using llamas as kid-carriers and packers, they successfully hiked the entire route over the next five summers, covering the last 700 miles on tandem mountain bikes in 1998.A keenly observant storyteller, Ross deftly interweaves evocative descriptions of the landscape with dramatic accounts of sudden snowstorms, gale-force winds strong enough to lift a child, and heart-pounding wildlife encounters. Through it all, her intimate reflections on marriage, family, and children provide depth and interest far beyond the high Rocky Mountain peaks. Scraping Heaven features a new afterword by the author.

About the AuthorCindy Ross is the author of six books including her first, A Woman's Journey on the Appalachian Trail, which has been in print for nearly thirty-five years and has become a hiking classic. Ross's work, most often on the rewards of recreation, the natural world, and travel, has appeared in dozens of publications, including the Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, Washington Post, and many others. She currently writes for the website and blog of Richard Louv's organization, the Children Nature Network. She lives in New Ringgold, Pennsylvania, and can be found online at cindyrosstraveler.com.