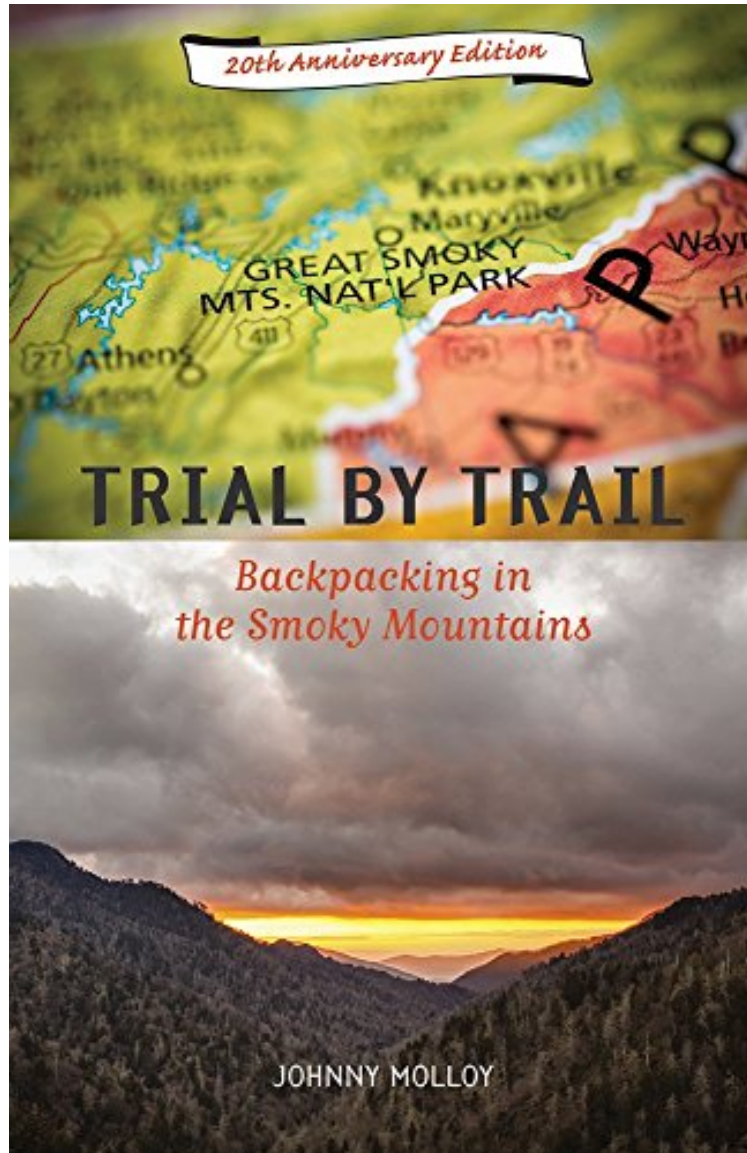


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**Johnny Molloy : Trial By Trail: Backpacking In Smoky Mountains** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Trial By Trail: Backpacking In Smoky Mountains:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Wish I was with ya! (most of the hikes)By petertMolloy's book reminded me of some of my early triumphs and failures in the Great Smoky Mountains. The book is a collection of backpacking trips; some fun and some fun along with some agony as well. I recommend this book to anyone who is

serious or casual about backpacking anywhere, not just the Smokies. The style in which it is written makes you feel like you could have been along for the ride.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy EJS  
This book is very well written and informative, and makes me, an indoor girl, want to hit the trail.<sup>3</sup> of 3 people found the following review helpful. Trial By TrailBy Bob Phillips  
This book was an interesting series of "challenges and stories" of what it's like in the "Johnny Molloy world" of experiences in the Smokie. It IS NOT a guide book, but rather a sharing of thoughts and ideas about the events on camping excursions as they relate to personal experience. Johnny "paints a picture" which is hard to not see, and brings you into the wilderness with him. I repeatedly found myself wanting to pick up the book and "share" in another experience with the writer. This is probably mostly about my wanting to be there, but not making that physical choice. Reading the book took me back to where I enjoy being. The physical struggling, sometimes touched on, was particularly interesting, as when we are up against our limits (a frequent theme in the stories), is when we learn the most about ourselves. It was an interesting "read"! Highly recommended.

Now updated with a new preface that examines dramatic changes in his favourite hiking and camping area, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, this classic adventure chronicle, which first appeared in 1996, launched the outdoor writing career of Johnny Molloy. The author of over sixty invaluable hiking, camping, and paddling guides to natural destinations all over the country, Molloy has turned irresistible enthusiasm for the great outdoors, evident in this book, into a profound career, dedicated to honouring and celebrating our greatest wild places-and helping others enjoy them as much as he has. In fourteen lively personal essays, Johnny Molloy describes the adventures by which he came of age as a backpacker. Born a "flatlander" in Memphis, he first visited the Smokies while attending the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in the 1980s. Initially, he treated the park as a personal playground-a place to cut loose, break rules, and act irresponsibly. After many hiking excursions, however, he gained a more profound appreciation of the mountains, becoming an avid park volunteer intent on the protection and improvement of the area. He grew, as he puts it, both as an outdoor adventurer and as a human being. Interwoven throughout these pieces is a wealth of Smoky Mountains lore and history along with dozens of tips for novice backpackers. Molloy's stories encompass backpacking during all four seasons as well as accounts of solo hiking, off-trail hiking, and whitewater canoeing. Whether describing the hazards of crossing a stream in winter or what to do-and not to do-when one encounters a bear or a rattlesnake, Molloy writes with an infectious enthusiasm that will delight any lover of the outdoors.

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Nine million visitors come to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park each year, but few, unfortunately, have time to enjoy fully the challenges and pleasures, the opportunities for reflection and inner growth, that the park's wild and beautiful backcountry offers. Trial by Trail chronicles the odyssey of one man who, over time, discovered the deeper riches to be found within the park's boundaries. In fourteen lively personal essays, Johnny Molloy describes the adventures by which he came of age as a backpacker. Born a "flatlander" in Memphis, he first visited the Smokies while attending the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in the 1980s. Initially, he treated the park as a personal playground - a place to cut loose, break rules, and act irresponsibly. After many hiking excursions, however, he gained a more profound appreciation of the mountains, becoming an avid park volunteer intent on the protection and improvement of the area. He grew, as he puts it, both as an outdoor adventurer and as a human being. Interwoven throughout these pieces is a wealth of Smoky Mountains lore and history along with dozens of tips for novice backpackers. Molloy's stories encompass backpacking during all four seasons as well as accounts of solo hiking, off-trail hiking, and whitewater canoeing.  
About the Author  
Johnny Molloy is a freelance writer and the author of more than thirty outdoor guidebooks, including, most recently, A Falcon Guide to Mammoth Cave and Beach and Coastal Camping in Florida. His first book, Trial by Trail: Backpacking in the Smoky Mountains, was published by the University of Tennessee Press in 1996.