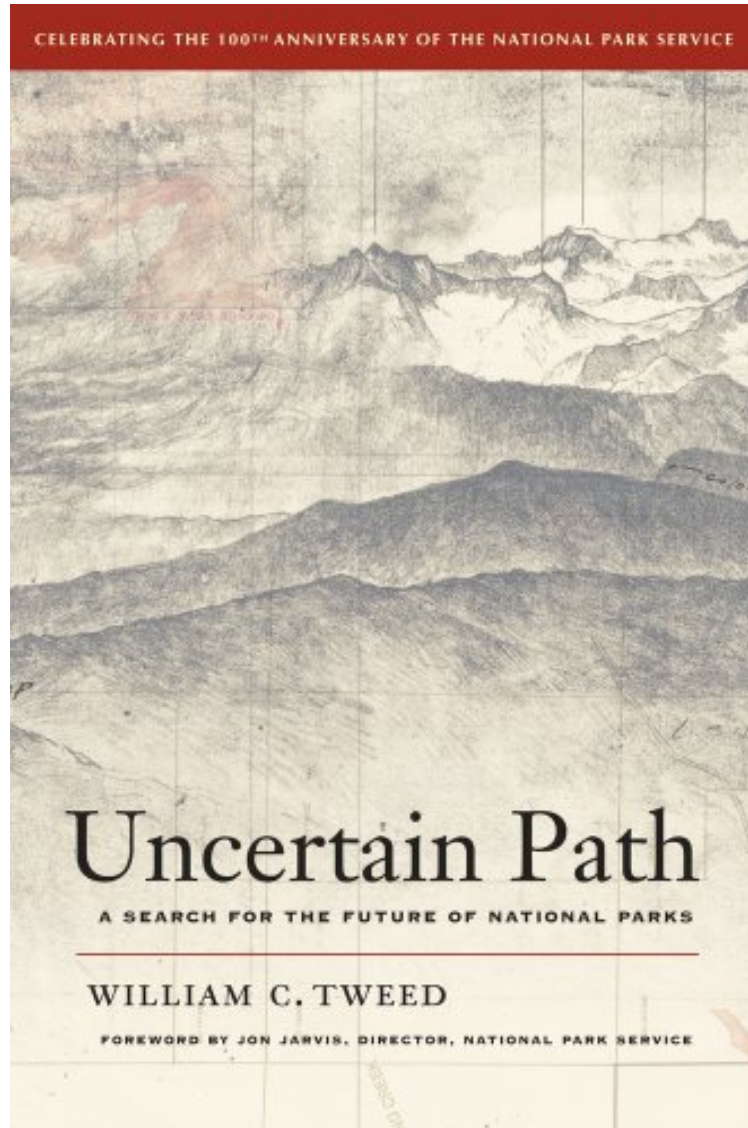


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William C. Tweed : Uncertain Path: A Search for the Future of National Parks before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Uncertain Path: A Search for the Future of National Parks:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Still Under the HatBy B RegalisI knew things were not going to go well when, opening the second paragraph of the Foreword, Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service, attributed the quote "America's Best Idea" to filmmaker Ken Burns who was born over 30 years after Lord Bryce died.

This is a little like Justice Scalia asserting that Jack Bauer saved Los Angeles. As for the book, it is a fantasy of mine that somehow, someday, somewhere a ranger will step out from under the hat, stop speaking to me in condescending Sunday school parables, acknowledge that the NPS has been willfully parsing its mission for 100 years, and accept that the "public" is fully aware that stasis does not exist in the natural world. More than ever, the NPS needs vision. A century of dragging its heels, protecting its turf, and pandering to an illusion does not qualify. A perceptive and thoughtful reader would do better with an in-depth history of the NPS such as those by John C Miles or Richard West Sellars, as well as an online subscription to a reputable national newspaper. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Highly recommended for serious parkies. By Cordell Roy. Clever that Tweed would choose a hike across Yosemite and Sequoia as a stage for his reconsideration of impairment. Well written and an enjoyable read. Though provoking. Highly recommended for serious parkies. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Thought Provoking Hike In The High Sierra. By Bruce. I found this book to be informative, thought provoking, and a good read. The author eloquently describes his hike of the Muir Trail in the Nevada Sierra Mountains in a way that makes you feel that you are walking right along with him. I know it inspired me to hope to retrace his steps some day. William Tweed creatively and vividly intertwines his observations during this hike with the confirmation of lessons he learned during a career with the National Park Service causing him to question the foundation and purpose of our National Park System. Mr. Tweed and I never worked together, but I found that I share many of his insights and concerns for our parks. *Uncertain Path* relates to the reader the affects global changes that are impacting the habitats of the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. Issues of air quality and climate change are two that are well beyond the control of the National Park Service. Mr. Tweed then explains how these issues challenge what is becoming the impossible mission of the National Park Service to preserve our parks in the same condition for all future generations. Although Mr. Tweed focuses on the Western United States, reading this book caused me to look back at my own experience as a National Park Ranger and the increasingly impossible task of preserving parks in the East. As an example the Southern Appalachians and the parks found there are under constant attack from decreasing air quality, invasive species of flora and fauna, and encroachment of human development. Anyone who has an interest in the physical future and relevancy of our National Park System to our changing society should read this book. Bruce W. Bytnar. Author of "A Park Ranger's Life: Thirty Two Years Protecting Our National Parks"

In this provocative walking meditation, writer and former park ranger William Tweed takes us to Californias spectacular High Sierra to discover a new vision for our national parks as they approach their 100th anniversary. Tweed, who worked among the Sierra Nevadas big peaks and big trees for more than thirty years, has now hiked more than 200 miles along Californias John Muir Trail in a personal search for answers: How do we address the climate change we are seeing even now in melting glaciers in Glacier National Park, changing rainy seasons on Mt Rainer, and more fire in the Wests iconic parks. Should we intervene where we can to preserve biodiversity? Should the parks merely become ecosystem museums that exhibit famous landscapes and species? Asking how we can make these magnificent parks relevant for the next generation, Tweed, through his journey, ultimately shows why we must do just that.

Elegant and thoughtful . . . A welcome -- and long overdue -- call for a fundamental redefinition of the National Park Service's core mission and management goals.