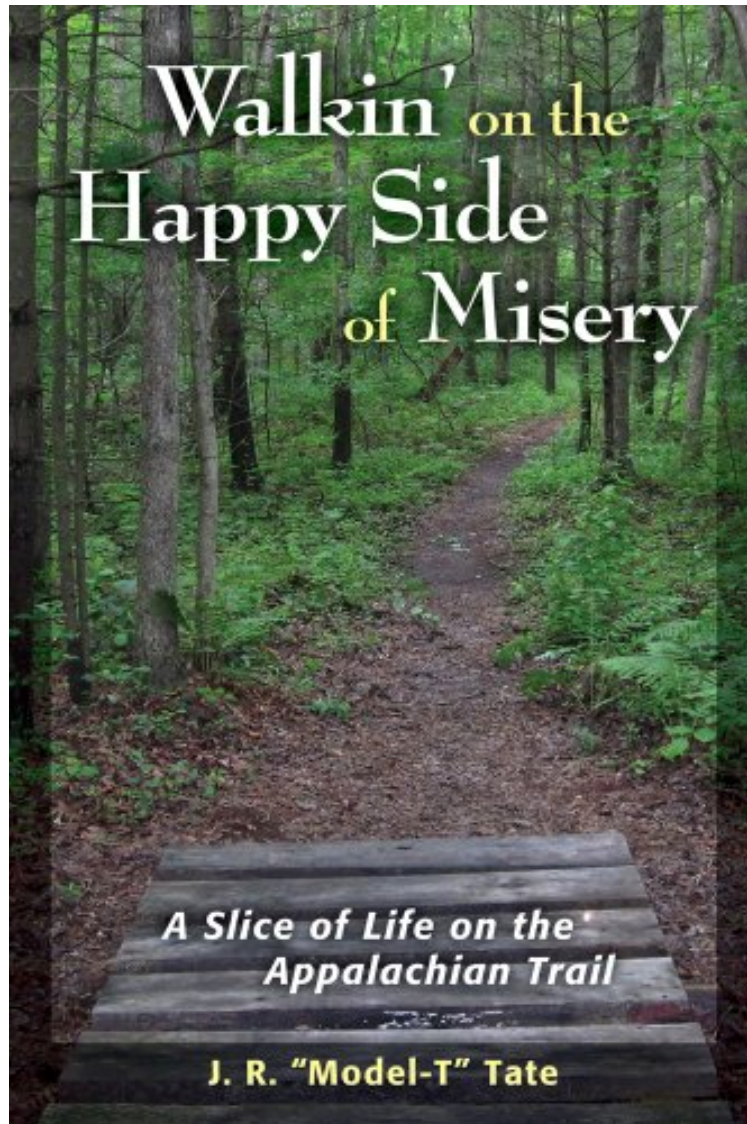


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Tate is firmly established as one of the colorful characters of the A.T. Nation, and deservedly so. Walkin' on the Happy Side of Misery is a quirky day-by-day account from almost a quarter century ago, but the culture it describes is as fresh as a trailside fire pink. The crusty ex-marine describes his characters with love but also with a frank honesty that is sometimes a bit cringeworthy, but that's life on the A.T. Phrases like crud mamma and OOOGA are litanies that pop up constantly as part of his eccentric world view. His self-confessed schizoid personality leaves the reader a little at sea from time to time, because the book is narrated in turns by J.R. and his alter ego, Model-T. One suspects that if readers get distracted by this, J.R. and "alter" would just laugh. Tate has a knack for dramatic and bombastic description. His account of a thunder storm converging on Springer Mountain is positively Wagnerian. Obsessive rants about his -- and other's -- bodily functions may wear thin on some readers but will ring humorous and true with thru-hikers. I've done the trail twice -- the first time in '73 -- and I just got around to reading this tome. It was a trip down memory lane. The Peregrine -- Author of THRU: An Appalachian Trail Love Story0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Terrible way to write a book.By JoanAwful book. Don't waste your money. He claims to have gotten close enough to have smelled a bear's breath. If he had gotten hurt by the bear then the bear would have probably been hunted down and killed because of this guy's ignorance. He talks awful about other people along the way. He should look in the mirror. He's no prize.3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Mutiple Personality ProblemBy SamWell, first of all I say congratulations to Mr. Tate for completing his AT hike! It takes a whole lot of courage, pain, sacrifice, money, and determination to complete a thru-hike. Now, about the book. I came very close to just quitting the book because his writing "style" became more and more annoying the more I read. The story gets very confusing because it is difficult to understand what's real and what isn't. Mr. Tate has four names for himself and treats them all as separate and real characters. JR, The Marine, Model-T, and The Ego are all him. Each one is capable of having a full blown conversation ( in quotes ) with the other three. It becomes confusing at times as to who is speaking and is it a real person or is it just the author talking to himself. This doesn't happen once or twice, it's the entire book! If you are looking for a serious trail book, this isn't it. Yes he really did hike the AT but it would have been much nicer if he had written about his hike from the viewpoint of a single personality.

Story of J. R. "Model-T" Tate's thru-hike of the Appalachian TrailRecollections of grueling climbs, knee-wrecking descents, mountaintop thunderstorms, snakes underfoot, and the myriad characters encountered on an AT thru-hikeConveys the beauty of the trail and the community that surrounds it

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