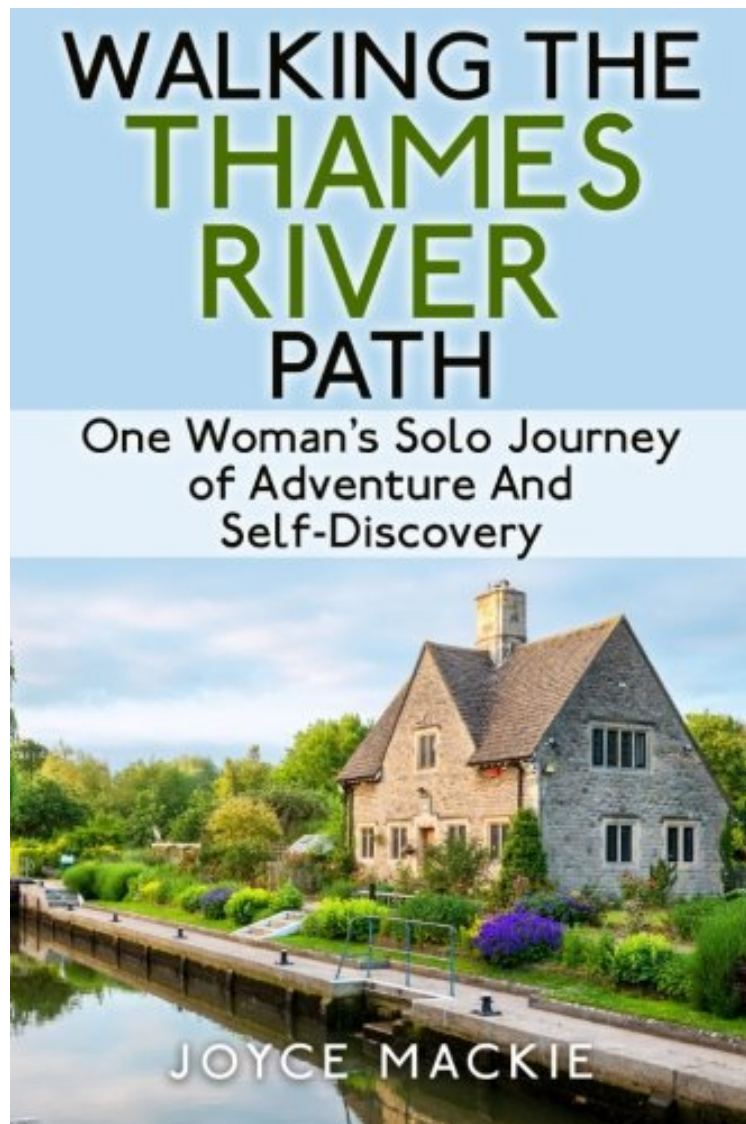


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**Joyce Mackie : Walking The Thames River Path: One Woman's Solo Journey of Adventure and Self-Discovery** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Walking The Thames River Path: One Woman's Solo Journey of Adventure and Self-Discovery:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A 5-star, must have if you love the countryside setting!By Sherry EverettI LOVED THIS BOOK! Especially how Joyce Mackie described starting at Kemble on Day 1 through walking

into London on Day 16. I'm a lover of England's gorgeous country towns and its cities too and hope to go there one day soon. If you love England's countryside too, you have to get this book, *Walking the Thames River Path*. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Not what I expected  
By Kindle Customer  
This book is definitely NOT a story of "adventure and self-discovery" as stated in the title. It is a list of things she walked past, and no different than a guidebook. The author seemed to be standing back from the experience; observing it and not living it due to her rigid food rules and aloof attitude toward the people she met. There is no way this author would ever step off her rigid path to explore the unexpected - those surprises that are one of the joys of travel. Also, there were some sloppy inaccuracies that made me crazy. It is the University of Oxford, NOT "Oxford College", Port Meadow and Covent Garden, NOT "Meadows" and "Gardens". Prisoners were NOT beheaded in the Bloody Tower, but on either Tower Green or Tower Hill. There were others, but that gives you an idea. The author really needed to bring herself into the story. She didn't walk for hours everyday without thinking about something, but except for a few sentences, I don't know what it was she thought about. Other than in the brief Epilogue, I have no clue what she discovered on her voyage of self-discovery, and I certainly did not get a sense of the adventurous spirit she claims to have. This book could have been so much better than it is.  
0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. *Walking Through Time*  
By Susan  
What a delightful travel Story! I have not quite finished it but I have enjoyed all the described details about her daily treks and wish now that I had tried such an adventure when I was younger. With her entries I have learned about buildings and locks and villages that go back centuries and are still here to see!

This memoir of adventure and self-mastery traces the 184-mile solo walk taken by a sixty-nine year old woman, as she follows the Thames River from its source in the Cotswolds to its estuary at the North Sea. Past picturesque locks, breathtaking vistas and ancient sites in the charming English countryside, then through the more populated areas of Oxford, Henley, Windsor, and London, this journey of adventure and self-mastery will capture your imagination and send you off to plan your own. Totally lost on the first day of her walk and missing her nights accommodation, she struggles to stay calm and deal with uncertainty and the unexpected---falling backwards into a bed of brambles, threading her way through cattle on deserted miles of countryside, and one day discovering the Path was closed due to hoof and mouth disease. According to one reader, history buffs will delight in the book's historical details and in the author's perspective on famous sites of London---Soho, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, St. Pauls Cathedral, and the Tower of London. Hikers will be pleased with the travel tips, and a list of what to pack. Whether you decide to walk the Path yourself, or are content to enjoy the tale from your armchair, you will be entertained and inspired.