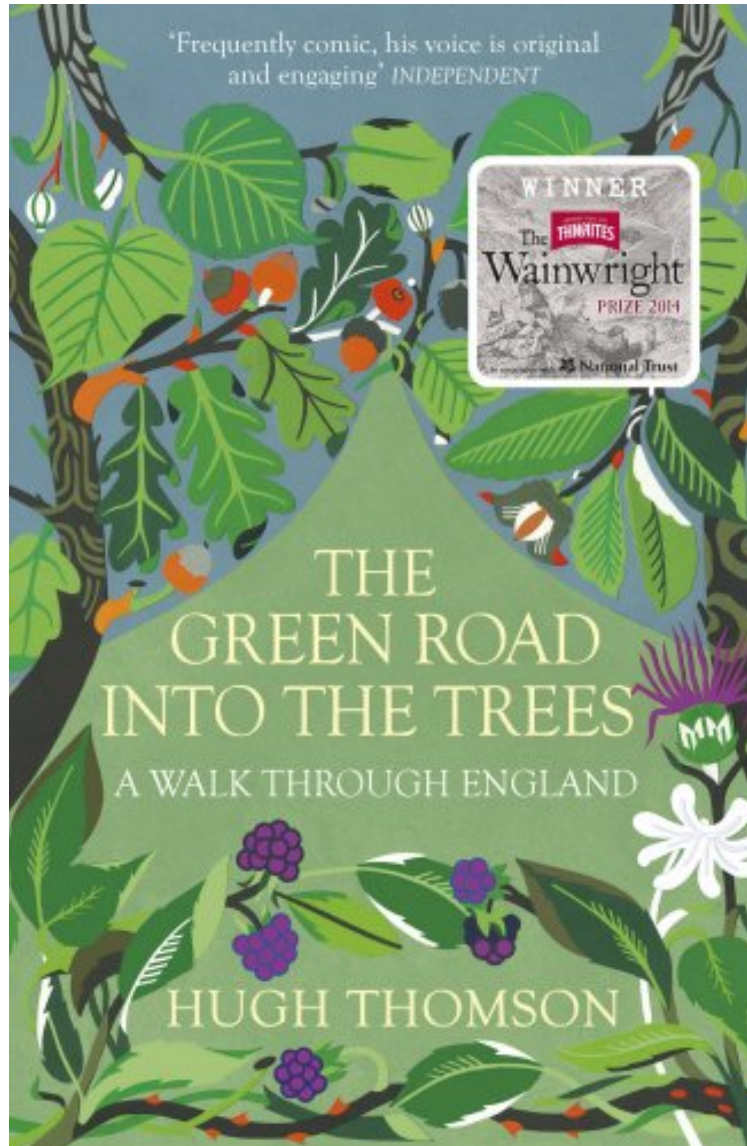


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Hugh Thomson : The Green Road Into the Trees: An Exploration of England before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Green Road Into the Trees: An Exploration of England:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book - Thompson never dissapoints By L. Glenn I love Hugh's writing. I've already read one of his books on Peru and am about to start another one. I wanted to read this

book since he takes a walk through his own homeland allowing the reader to see through his eyes the beauty and culture of his country and its people. I have never been to England, but fortunately I've watched every episode of Time Team, so I knew a bit about some of the landscape he traverses. Hugh is one of those gifted writers that lets the reader be with him on his journey. I love his insights and his way of viewing the world. The journey takes one on the ancient trackway called the Icknield Way that begins at the Atlantic on the Dorset coast and ends at the Black Sea near Seahenge, with many cultural sites along the way. Hugh's encounters with his fellow countrymen provide a number of insights, starting with the very first one over a cappuccino before he even begins his journey. Simon, a painter and poacher, describes his life and losses, and tells Hugh, and us, "I learned one thing from that car crash. All you have in this life is time. All that matters is time, and how you use it. Nothing else matters. Possessions don't matter. I lost everything after the crash. And I realised that nothing else is real. Your clothes, that magazine you're reading, that sandwich you're eating. Your marriage. None of it. None of it is real. All that matters is your time and what you do with it. I've wasted a lot of my life." This book will definitely not be a waste of anyone's time. Although Hugh has a few funny quips in the book regarding , I am very grateful to them, otherwise, I would not have been able to read this book!

Award-winning British travel writer Hugh Thomson explores the most exotic and foreign country of them all -- his own. From the very centre of England -- literally, as his village is furthest from the sea -- Hugh travels to its outermost edges. The Green Road into the Trees is a journey made rich by the characters he meets along the way. And the ways he takes are the old ways, the drover-paths and tracks, the paths and ditches half covered by bramble and tunnelled by alder, beech and oak: the trails that can still be traced by those who know where to look. Just as in his acclaimed book about Peru, The White Rock, Hugh shows how older, half-forgotten cultures lie much closer to the surface than we may think. In recent years, archaeologists have uncovered remarkable findings about the Celts, Saxons and Vikings that have often yet to reach the wider public. Travelling along the Icknield Way, Hugh passes the great prehistoric monuments of Maiden Castle, Stonehenge and Avebury, before ending at the Wash near Seahenge. By taking a 400 mile journey from coast to coast, through both the sacred and profane landscapes of ancient England, Hugh casts unexpected light -- and humour -- on the way we live now.

"He is an illuminating companion...frequently comic, his voice is original and engaging; proof that it is the walker, not the path, that counts." * Independent * "An immensely enjoyable book: curious, articulate, intellectually playful and savagely candid." * The Spectator * "He records more than impressions: there are fascinating excursions into neglected areas of British history, and conversations with hippies, travellers and farmers, which makes Mr Thomson's journey a joy to follow." * Country Life * "Often funny and always enlightening" -- Candida Lycett Green * Countryfile * "I would love to walk with Thomson" -- John Sutherland * Financial Times * About the Author HUGH THOMSON is the author of five previous travel books, the most recent of which, Tequila Oil: Getting Lost in Mexico, was serialised by BBC Radio 4. He has led many research expeditions to Peru and is a leading explorer of Inca settlements. He has also taken filming expeditions to Mount Kilimanjaro, Bhutan, Afghanistan and the Mexican Sierra Madre.