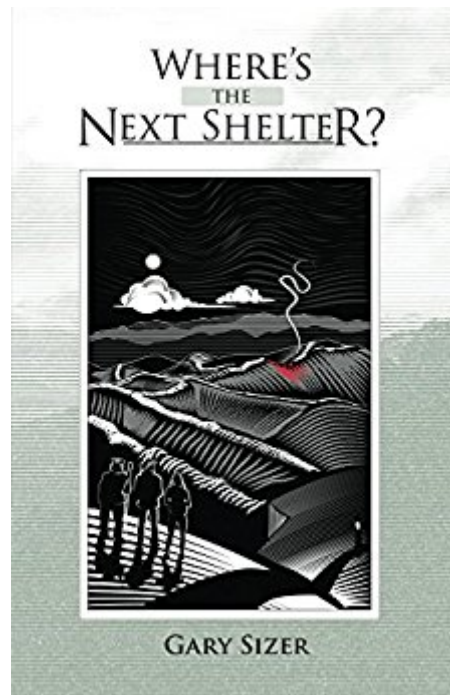




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Synopsis

Where's the Next Shelter? is the true story of three travelers on the Appalachian Trail, a two thousand mile hike that stretches from Georgia to Maine, told from the perspective of Gary Sizer, a seasoned backpacker and former Marine who quickly finds himself humbled by the endeavor. He teams up with Megan, a sassy college grad whose indomitable spirit eclipses her lack of experience, and Lemmy, a cartoonist from overseas whose off-kilter commentary on the wonders and frustrations of the trail keeps everyone laughing. Sprawling through the woods and towns of the Appalachian mountains, the trail carries the trio through real and fanciful ups and downs ranging from hilarious to perilous. Much more than an orderly account of mountain tops and meals, it is an adventure about friends figuring things out as they go. It's about screw-ups and solutions, awe and inspiration. If you long for the horizon, or to sleep under the stars, then come along for the hike of a lifetime. All you have to do is take the first step.

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Customer Reviews

I have been an avid hiker and backpacker for 50 years and have done stretches of all of the major long trails --- but I have never thru-hiked any of them. Thus, I really enjoy doing the thru-hikes

vicariously through this new generation of hiker/writers. This account is among my favorites, so far. It is a cut above the usual journal account of the hike in that Gary has obviously taken care to actually craft his narrative. It is very well written and very fun to read. I have to say to Green Giant, when you first described that uncomfortable "rolled sock" sensation in your foot, I wanted to call out to you in the pages and warn you about the impending neuroma. It's a very painful lesson for anyone, but especially for one who lives by the foot, Good job on both the book and completing the trail in spite of the obstacles.

I have only done a couple section hikes on the AT thru the GSMNP with family in 1980 and 2009.....After experiencing Green Giant's account of his 2014 thru hike, I feel like I have thru hiked myself!.....What a delightful, amazing book!....What great friends he found and his wife, Katie, who fueled his entire walk with her faithful support!.....Ok, I loved this book!

Having worked with Gary at that software company he left to do the AT, and having been familiar with his great work there, I already had high expectations for this book. But it easily exceeded those. Reading this book is as close to getting out into the woods on an epic trek as any reasonably respectable couch potato will ever get. The language is vivid, fun and engaging. Not only do you get to experience the ups and downs of Green Giant's trek, you also really get a great feel and appreciation for all of the great folks that he met along the way and that in and of itself gives one hope for humanity. A great read, really well written -- it'll make you want to take a hike.

Gary's book, reminds me of when I arrived at Paris Island when I was 17. It was a dream I had since I was five or six, to be a Marine. The war in southeast Asia was still on when I enlisted and left., and my mom cried. This book, reminded me of that adversity. Everyone said I could not make it. I did. I've read many biographies of the A T, and watched many vlogs. Ultimately Gary sums it up, in the face of adversity, you spit in the the face and keep pushing on. Hike your own hike, but don't give up when it gets hard. That's life too. That's what his story will show you. Thank You for awakening my dreams.

I have read about 12 of these thru-hiking books and this one is by far the best. Gary's writing is punchy, entertaining and he manages to weave a bit of a narrative that other hiking books fail to develop. His descriptions are especially nice, and I enjoyed his honesty and ability to foster positive relationships with those he meets on his journey. So often thru-hiking stories are simple re-tells;

walked, saw some stuff, found a campsite, ate some food, went to bed early, repeat. Gary avoids the boredom of such a trap by offering amusing anecdotes and rich characters, in the style of a true wordsmith.

What an amazing read just before I start my 2017 AT thru hike. I anticipate that my life will be totally changed forever. Thanks Green Giant.

I really enjoyed the learning the adventure and the places you visited . Glad to see you finish and the support of your wife. I liked your pictures and the friends you made . I think this book pictured it all weather and difficulty and sickness and the attitude to finish.

I felt as if I was there beside him. Where's The Next Shelter not only takes you on an adventure through winding trails and trepidation, but makes you question your goals in life. I often found myself gazing off to the mountains, dreaming of makeshift fire rings and vast wilderness. I often found myself asking "Where's my next shelter." This book is a story of undying friendships and colorful characters. It's a story of overcoming any obstacle no matter how difficult. When I finally finished this book I broke down in crying laughter. I may not live to hike the AT, but I'll definitely live my life so that I'll be a happy ghost. Thank you, Gary.

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