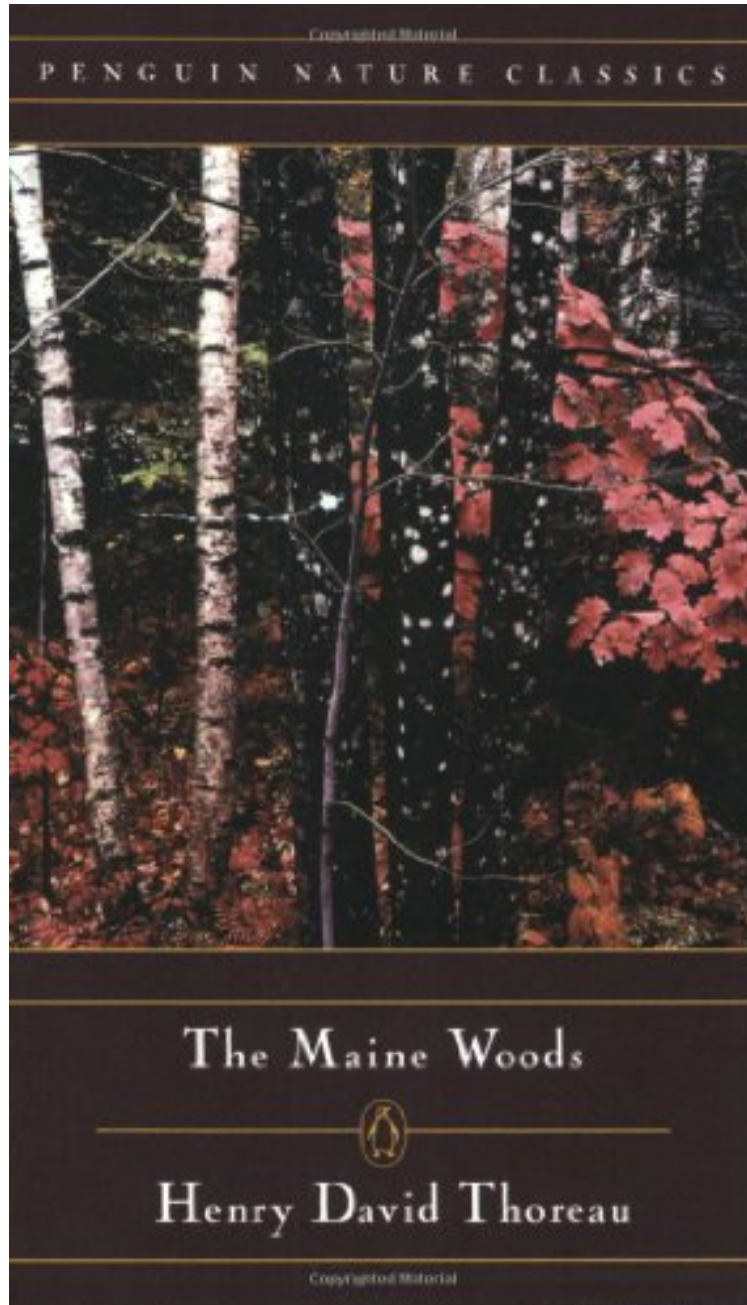


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**Henry David Thoreau : The Maine Woods (Penguin Nature Library)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Maine Woods (Penguin Nature Library):

10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Classic 19th century backwoods adventure. By Tom the Bike Guy Thoreau takes the reader on a wonderful journey through the largely uninhabited forests of Maine. It is clear that Thoreau is a botanist. He is continually identifying trees and plants by Botanical as well as Common name. He also identifies the birds he encounters. Sadly the Maine woods were not pristine at the time of Thoreau's journeys. There were scars of loggers, who mainly came for pine trees, along Thoreau's entire route. His journeys also include a hired Indian and Thoreau has recorded Indian names for lakes, rivers, plants and such. Judging by this book, Thoreau has not a lick of humor, so don't expect a laugh. Bits of Thoreau's philosophy are strewn throughout, it's a shame he didn't elaborate. Many measurements were made in "rods" which I have yet to figure out how many feet one rod is. I was a bit surprised to find his journeys were made by canoe, with quite many portages. All in all, this is a great book and I highly recommend it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Essential Thoreau By William 1 After reading Walden last year, I wanted to read more by Henry David Thoreau. This was my next writing by him and I enjoyed it immensely. Written by a highly intelligent author, in a time when one could still hire Indian guides to lead you into massive wildernesses, largely unspoiled. I very enjoyable and essential book for anyone who likes Walden, or otherwise just likes Thoreau. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. the book arrived in very good condition, and the price was unbeatable By Christopher D. West the book arrived in very good condition, and the price was unbeatable. 1 cent plus shipping. I can review the actual content once I get a little further in. Maine has a LOT of Woods to explore, and I've hardly gone out of Bangor yet.

"What a wilderness walk for a man to take alone!...Here was traveling of the old heroic kind over the unaltered face of nature." -Henry David Thoreau Over a period of three years, Thoreau made three trips to the largely unexplored woods of Maine. He climbed mountains, paddled a canoe by moonlight, and dined on cedar beer, hemlock tea and moose lips. Taking notes constantly, Thoreau was just as likely to turn his observant eye to the habits and languages of the Abnaki Indians or the arduous life of the logger as he was to the workings of nature. He acutely observed the rivers, lakes, mountains, wolves, moose, and stars in the dark sky. He also told of nights sitting by the campfire, and of meeting men who communicated with each other by writing on the trunks of trees. In *The Maine Woods*, Thoreau captured a wilder side of America and revealed his own adventurous spirit. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

About the Author Henry David Thoreau was born in Concord, Massachusetts in 1817. He graduated from Harvard in 1837, the same year he began his lifelong Journal. Inspired by Ralph Waldo Emerson, Thoreau became a key member of the Transcendentalist movement that included Margaret Fuller and Bronson Alcott. The Transcendentalists' faith in nature was tested by Thoreau between 1845 and 1847 when he lived for twenty-six months in a homemade hut at Walden Pond. While living at Walden, Thoreau worked on the two books published during his lifetime: *Walden* (1854) and *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers* (1849). Several of his other works, including *The Maine Woods*, *Cape Cod*, and *Excursions*, were published posthumously. Thoreau died in Concord, at the age of forty-four, in 1862. Edward Hoagland's books include *The Courage of Turtles*, *Walking the Dead Diamond River*, *Red Wolves and Black Bears*, and *Notes from the Century Before: A Journal from British Columbia*.