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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great early nature writing by one of our great early nature guidesBy gt surberEnos Mills was the original nature guide in the United States. Starting at age 14, about 1884, he built a small cabin at the base of Long's Peak and learned his craft the hard way - by doing. There were only a few books from Europe that foreshadowed Mills Work. Mills led over 250 private expeditions up Long's Peak. Mills spent his life in the wilderness, his love and his life.This book, one of the 16 Mills wrote, and published in 1920, "Adventures of a Nature Guide and Essays in Interpretation" is a selection of his writings and the story of several of his adventures. These range from taking children on hikes, to taking foot players on hikes, to solo excursions into the wilds of both the mountains and the hard open prairies of Western Nebraska. Always apparent is Mill's sheer joy in what he is doing. Also apparent is the development of the job description of a nature guide, as Mills lays out his learning of the job he set for himself.The book reads easy and well. Each essay could easily stand alone, and several did as magazine articles. To those who have yearned to explore the wilds, to those who have a wanderlust and feel a kinship with the woods, this book is a breath of fresh air.Mills was instrumental in the establishment of Rocky Mountain National Park, and in furthering the National Park System in the United States. His name still resonates loudly with those of such greats as John Muir and John Burroughs.

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