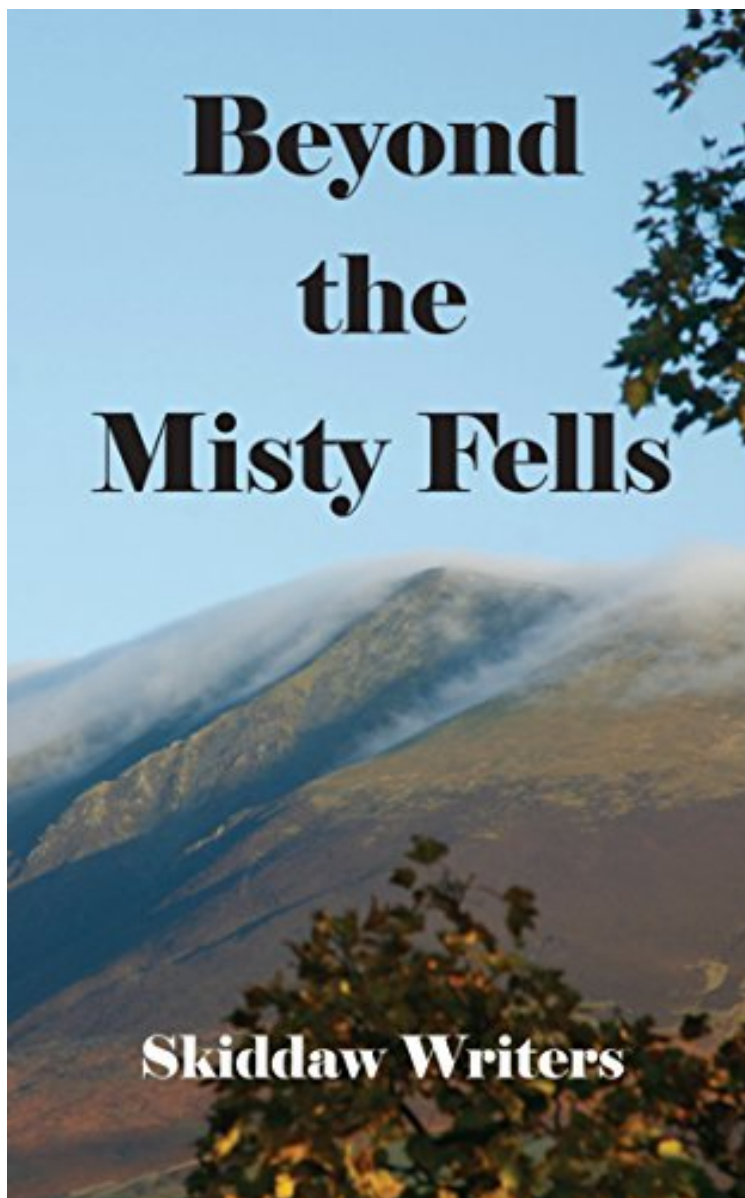


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Von Skiddaw Writers : Beyond the Misty Fells (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beyond the Misty Fells (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Lovely pot-pourri of travel writing (in the widest sense)Von yackyardI downloaded this for my Kindle, while looking around

for an anthology-type book - the kind of thing containing short pieces of writing that you can dive into while sitting on the train for a few minutes (novels annoy me for short commutes because I always forget what I've just read). After a few lovely holidays in the Lake District I'll admit that the name Skiddaw Writers and the gorgeous picture on the cover (a photo by one of the writers, Aline Hopkins) were what got me interested. Although all the writers live in the Lake District, this is an anthology of travels not only around the world, but in the mind, too. I suppose the common theme is venturing out beyond your comfort zone and exploring your boundaries, whether geographical or psychological. Some of the pieces are really quite inspirational - literally. Reading about Jean Gallagher's "Mercy Mission to Romania" shows how you can combine an adventure with doing good for others, and Ann Bowker's extended walk right through Wales, from the south to the north, is an example of how much you can challenge yourself in your own country. I don't know how old Ms Bowker was when she did the walk, but she was celebrating her retirement, so wow, impressive! Anna Nolan's three contributions initially seem to be something of an anomaly, because they're more about linguistics than travel. But no, this is an exploration too, because English is Ms Nolan's second language (although you'd never know that from the way she writes). For her, investigating language is as much of an adventure as any trip to the other side of the world. What she discovers is that there are far more perils lurking in the average English sentence than in an African safari! Language fans will relish her contributions. All in all, my favourite piece was Gill Frances' "Journey from Singapore to Japan", which was written with real sensitivity and skill. It's not a trip she made herself, indeed the journey in question is far from the dream holidays described by others. She describes World War II, when her father was held prisoner in the Far East, and the stories he weaved upon his return to help him cope with the trauma, in an age before PTSD had ever been recognised. The story he never told was the one that had been too traumatising to even contemplate: the trip from Singapore to Japan in a requisitioned cargo ship - dubbed a 'hell ship' because the conditions for the prisoners being transported were so poor. Many of them didn't even survive. I'd not heard of the 'hell ships' beforehand, and did a bit of Googling afterwards. Very thought-provoking writing. And this is ultimately why I'm giving this little humble anthology the full five stars. It opened my eyes to a whole range of ideas; made me think, 'I could do that, too, I could camp in Botswana or go on the Trans-Siberian Railway or copy an old-master painting'. That's pretty good going for a ten-minute train journey!

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