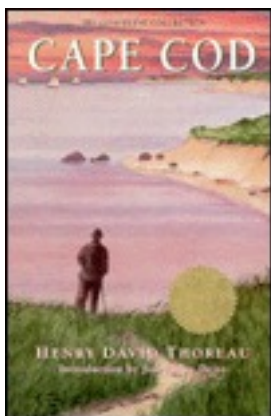


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# Henry David Thoreau

## Cape Cod (Coastline Collection)



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## Description

This new paperback edition of Henry D. Thoreau's compelling account of Cape Cod contains the complete, definitive text of the original. Introduced by American poet and literary critic Robert Pinsky--himself a resident of Cape Cod--this volume contains some of Thoreau's most beautiful writings.

In the plants, animals, topography, weather, and people of Cape Cod, Thoreau finds "another world" Encounters with the ocean dominate this book, from the fatal shipwreck of the opening chapter to his later reflections on the Pilgrims' landing and reconnaissance. Along the way, Thoreau relates the experiences of fishermen and oystermen, farmers and salvagers, lighthouse-keepers and ship captains, as well as his own intense confrontations with the sea as he travels the land's outermost margins. Chronicles of exploration, settlement, and survival on the Cape lead Thoreau to reconceive the history of New England--and to recognize the parochialism of history itself.

## Insightful reviews

Paula: A very interesting read. Thoreau wrote about every aspect of Cape Cod in his diary that he kept every day during this trek. He describes the people--the sailors and wives of the sailors, the salvagers of the wrecked ships, children, the houses and stores, the fishermen, the geographical aspects of the Cape, as well as all the plants and trees, flora and fauna. And the sea and the sand, which both appear different depending on the weather. The photography is pretty, too, and corresponds to the subject that Thoreau is describing. This is a book for anyone who has enjoyed Cape Cod.

Brian Perusek: I started reading cape cod during my fifth or sixth journey there. I've now been to the cape more than any other location in my 30 years. I stumbled across the book at a visitor center and although knowing that I had already read, it appears I had not fully - the Thoreau reader, portable, and other collections only house a few chapters and not cape cod in its entirety. Reading this completely was a treat, as the wellfleet oysterman has always been a favorite. Thoreau explains landscapes in prose like no one else and has the most pleasant way of describing his interactions with others. I would write many quotes - but don't want to spoil. Cape cod must be read in its entirety. Romantic and historical.

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Dalle solitudini dell'oceano a quelle sabbiose dei deserti interni, dai resti dei ricorrenti e leggendari naufragi ai villaggi rimasti arroccati all'epoca dei Padri Pellegrini, le pagine di Thoreau, sostenute da una prosa fluida e spesso impietosa, passano rapidamente dallo stile del diario a quello polemico, dalla storia naturale alla satira, dalla riflessione esistenziale alla parodia. La sublime bellezza dell'oceano e la titanica indifferenza della natura di fronte all'affannoso agire umano suscitano in Thoreau ammirazione e al contempo sconcerto, e danno vita a un repertorio di meditazioni di straordinaria potenza evocativa. Mare, salsedine, vento, fari, barche di pescatori, cetacei spiaggiati: non c'è aspetto della penisola che Thoreau non

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abbia passato al setaccio, come i granelli di sabbia che gli "riempivano le scarpe".

Megan: the best publication to learn mendacity at the pier at Cape Cod, searching on the very waves he describes, simply because isn't really it bizarre that an identical water he wrote upon is the water I step into today?

Michael: What higher position to learn Cape Cod than at Cape Cod? it is usually relaxing to take a while with Thoreau: "We made no haste, given that we wanted to work out the sea at our leisure; and certainly that smooth sand was once no position during which to be in a hurry, for one mile there has been pretty much as good as elsewhere." a lot lighter on philosophy as opposed to Walden, we witness his observations of the ordinary atmosphere of course, but in addition his exploration of the aftermath of a shipwreck, interactions with a mild apartment keeper, and in a single day stick with an oysterman and family. At times, a few of his musings turn into a bit too extemporaneous (for example, his tackle who can quite lay declare to the invention of Cape Cod; he votes for the French if I bear in mind correctly), and there's a little bit of repetition because of the unique ebook of the chapters as separate texts, yet this makes for a great summer season read. The variation I learn (Penguin Nature Classics) can have benefitted from footnotes for the various allusions and low instances Thoreau used Latin and Greek.

Oceana2602: Oh, Mr. Thoreau. i am so sorry for no longer doing you justice and for no longer providing you with the 5 stars you surely deserve. yet see, the ranking platforms asks me if "I" fairly beloved the book, and well, my style is not nearly as good as your writing. I clearly apologize. I took your booklet with me while I traveled to a long, particularly slender German island, that shall stay unnamed for I worry humans won't take me critical anymore in the event that they comprehend the place I spent my vacations. weeks ago, Germany being in the course of a overdue winter, simply me, the beaches, the puppy and the snow. i presumed this may be an incredible environment for examining approximately Cape Cod, being with reference to the ocean and the sand. i presumed that it'd be effortless to visualize being there with you. But it wasn't. It used to be truly very very difficult to imagine. Your amazing descriptions of the landscape, your sharp method of taking a look and writing in regards to the humans you meet, all made it demanding to not photograph Cape Cod. yet your trip itself left me surprisingly cold. not anything just like the rush of relocating during the state with Theroux, of wandering (often clear of the subject) with Chatwin. Yes, I know, I can not even compare, yet i feel we will either dwell with me who prefer different commute writers over you, particularly with you being lifeless and never with the ability to disagree. I totally recognize that you're a marvelous writer, i'm satisfied you have been there to persuade many of the writers i am keen on those days. And yes, i think i'd were in a position to get pleasure from your publication even more had I been touring Cape Cod, rather than being caught on above mentioned, still-remaining-nameless island. might be it used to be simply the variation in age that avoided us from turning into greater friends. regardless of the reason, our methods shall half at this point. Who knows, possibly we are going to meet back later in life, by way of chance. (but do not carry your breath). Yours sincerely, Oceana

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