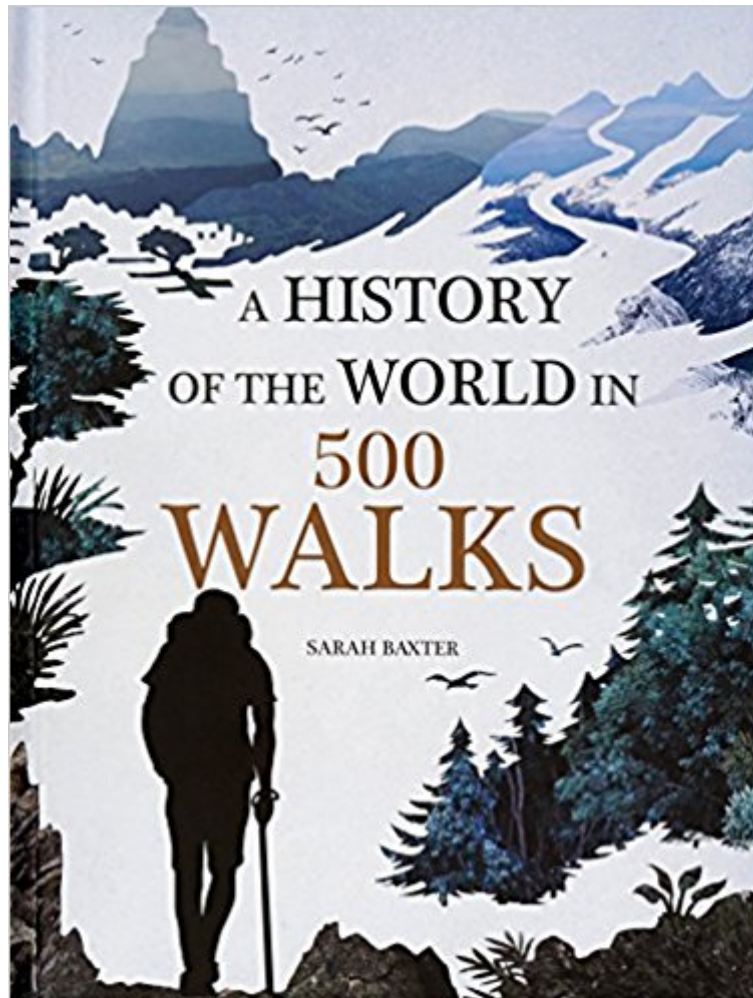




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Customer Reviews

Sarah Baxter grew up in Norfolk, England (high point: 100m), which may partly explain her love of the mountains. Her passion for getting active outdoors saw her traverse Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the U.S. before settling into a writing career. Since 2002 she has worked at Wanderlust magazine, the bible for independent-minded travelers, where she is now Associate Editor. She has written extensively on walking and travel for Wanderlust and a diverse range of other publications, from The Guardian, The Telegraph, and The Independent to Country Walking and Runner's World, and has contributed to more than a dozen Lonely Planet books. Mainly, though, she likes to put one foot in front of the other. Whether it be ice-axing up Italy's Gran Paradiso, completing all 1,000km of England's South West Coast Path, summitting Kilimanjaro, exploring Bhutan's only yeti reserve, completing New Zealand's Tongariro Crossing (by night) or strolling from her front door in Bath straight into the Cotswolds, she is never happier than when she's out on a walk.

I have many trail guide books. This is the best written one I have. Trail features are described without a lot of superfluous info. Maps are excellent. I am already making a list of places to explore from this book on my next adventure.

Wow, so many great ideas of places to visit and enjoy while walking. I wish I had another lifetime to visit more of these places but will seek to do as many as I can. Would be helpful though if there was an index up front that listed all of the walks in sequence as they appear in the book.

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