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The Lost Art Of Reading Nature's Signs: Use Outdoor Clues To Find Your Way, Predict The Weather, Locate Water, Track Animals_and Other Forgotten Skills (Natural Navigation)



Synopsis

Gooley's more than two decades of pioneering outdoor experience include research among the Dayak people of Borneo and the Tuareg of the Sahara. With his first book, *The Natural Navigator*, he started a renaissance in the rare art of reading nature's clues. Now, in *The Lost Art of Reading Nature's Signs*, Gooley has compiled more than 850 outdoor tips—many not found in any other book in the world—that will open readers' eyes to nature's hidden logic. He shares techniques for forecasting and tracking, and for walking in the country or city, along the coast, and by night. This is the ultimate resource on what the land, sun, moon, stars, plants, animals, and clouds can reveal—if you only know how to look!

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Customer Reviews

Depending on your own personality, Tristan Gooley is either the world's most interesting hiking partner—or you will want to kill him within five minutes of getting out of the car. The man knows a lot about most aspects of nature, is quite observant, and loves to share his knowledge. If you feel that is enjoyable, you will like this book.=== The Good Stuff ===* Gooley has hiked in many locations throughout the world, including many in the US, Britain, Asia and Africa. He makes detailed observations, and shares both his insights and his methods for making those determinations. His wisdom includes traditional book knowledge, lessons and lore passed on from the natives, and common sense deduction. It is a remarkable tour de force of botany, biology, geology and astronomy.* While the author spends a lot of time on specific observations, the real

lesson of the book is how to develop an attitude of curiosity. While many of us might see a tree, Gooley sees a navigational aid, a history of the area, and clues about the local topography, climate and civilization. While these insights can span the range from useful through trivial and even go all the way to arcane, they do serve as a motivation to make your own observations and deductions. It is sort of a cross between John Muir and Sherlock Holmes.* There are a few useful gems for just about anyone. Even city dwellers will find some enjoyment in Gooley's astronomy observations, and while much of his hiking experience is in Britain, he also discusses the flora and fauna of many parts of the United States.* Some of the best parts of the book were the time spent with exotic cultures.

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