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The Kayak Lady: One Woman, One Kayak And 1007 Lakes



Synopsis

Mary Shideler had a quest to paddle all 1,007 lakes in northern Minnesota's Itasca County. Along the way, she learned to trust her capacity to overcome obstacles. "The Kayak Lady" is a collection of stories and photos--a mix of adventure and fun--which documents Mary's experiences over 15 years.

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Customer Reviews

Mary Shideler, the "Kayak Lady," lives in the heart of Minnesota's north woods, in the Chippewa National Forest, almost to the Canadian border. Itasca County provides a home for loons, wolves, bald eagles, bears, forests, porcupines, walleye, turtles, wild rice, deer, mountain lions, dragonflies, waterlilies, dear friends, 1007 lakes and Mary Shideler, who has kayaked every single one of those lakes. The journey, the Kayak Lady herself and this book are extraordinary. She has not condensed, she has given us succinct highlights - moments of wonder, fear, growth, joy, humor, and challenge in which to revel. The production values of this book are beautiful - gorgeous photographs, glossy pages that are a delight to turn, loads of white space. Shideler's writing is also beautiful. She reveals not only a portrait of the north woods, but a sense of herself as a complex, dogged, organized, focused mystic. Buy it for yourself if you're tired and discouraged or feeling cooped up. And get a couple of extras for friends. Get it for the people you love - for the one who needs to go after a dream, for the one who can respond to a challenge, for the one who has lived a life of wonder and who will respond to a kindred spirit - the Kayak Lady.

I enjoyed reading the book, it kept me on my toes. Mary gives me the courage to go out there and check out the lakes. I hope so day to run into her up here.

I really enjoyed this book, I live in the same county and love all the lakes. I wish she would have added more pictures of her time she spent out on the lakes.

Loved the book. I'm from Minnesota myself and could really relate to this lady's goal and wish I could do the same.

I love and agree with the first review posted for "The Kayak Lady" and wish I could be as eloquent in describing the connection I felt to this incredible, unique book. Although I live in the area author Mary Shideler describes, from the first chapter I realized that this is not a "regional title

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