



Over the Top Back Again: Hiking X the Alps

By Brandon Wilson

Pilgrim's Tales, Inc. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Ken Plumb (illustrator). Paperback. 240 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 5.8in. x 0.7in. Book of the Year Bronze Award 2010 (travel essays category), ForeWord Magazine After hiking some of the worlds great trails, Brandon Wilson was excited to hear about the Via Alpina, paths running across eight countries on the backbone of the Alps. Besides promising immersion into Alpine life and wilderness, it was the ultimate adventure. It meant climbing 3000 feet from valley to mountain hut each day 1200 miles for months. Optimistically, Wilson envisioned it as a European Appalachian Trail, only with better food and wine. Faster than you can say schnitzel, he coaxed his desk-jockey wife into joining him. Unlike their trek across Tibet, the couple wouldnt dodge bullets. Who knew ice fields, relentless rain, winds, lethal ticks and cow patties could be more dangerous. Then again, the beauty, weird situations and bizarre characters theyd meet would help put peril into perspective. Its all here, the daily triumphs and agony of de feet, captured in Wilsons witty, gritty, award-winning style. Over the Top and Back Again sweeps you along for an inspiring, yet slightly crazed look at the peerless Alps and at an everyday...



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