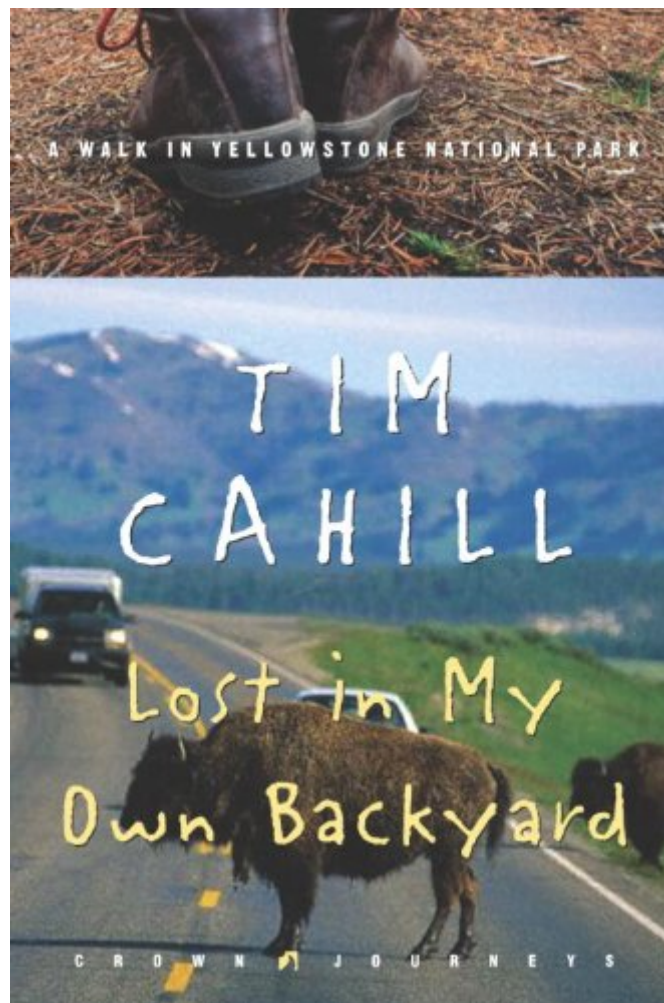




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# Lost In My Own Backyard: A Walk In Yellowstone National Park (Crown Journeys)



## Synopsis

Let's get lost together . . . •Lost in My Own Backyard brings acclaimed author Tim Cahill together with one of his "and America's" favorite destinations: Yellowstone, the world's first national park. Cahill has been "puttering around in the park" for a quarter of a century, slowly covering its vast scope and exploring its remote backwoods. So does this mean that he knows what he's doing? Hardly. "I live fifty miles from the park," says Cahill, "but proximity does not guarantee competence. I've spent entire afternoons not knowing exactly where I was, which is to say, I was lost in my own backyard." •Cahill stumbles from glacier to geyser, encounters wildlife (some of it, like bison, weighing in the neighborhood of a ton), muses on the microbiology of thermal pools, gets spooked in the mysterious Hoodoos, sees moonbows arcing across waterfalls at midnight, and generally has a fine old time walking several hundred miles while contemplating the concept and value of wilderness. Mostly, Cahill says, "I have resisted the urge to commit philosophy. This is difficult to do when you're alone, twenty miles from the nearest road, and you've just found a grizzly bear track the size of a pizza." •Divided into three parts "The Trails," which offers a variety of favorite day hikes; "In the Backcountry," which explores three great backcountry trails very much off the beaten track; and "A Selected Yellowstone Bookshelf," an annotated bibliography of his favorite books on the park "this is a hilarious, informative, and perfect guide for Yellowstone veterans and first-timers alike. Lost in My Own Backyard is adventure writing at its very best. From the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

As a huge Cahill fan and as a former Yellowstone park employee, finding a book by Cahill on Yellowstone was a thrill in itself. Although it's been 30+ years since I roamed the backcountry of the most beautiful spot in America, his book brought back the smell of the paintpots, the hissing of the geysers at midnight, and the sounds a bear makes outside your tent at night. To think he lives just outside the park makes me extremely jealous but having his book take me back, makes me extremely grateful. I never thought of the Park as the top of the world's largest volcano, but his book points out the obvious. I am now reading some of the books mentioned in his bibliography on the history of the park.Â Death in Yellowstone: Accidents and Foolhardiness in the First National Park My only complaint would be that it's way too short and I finished it too quickly. But at least I have one more Cahill to readÂ Hold the Enlightenment for my next Adventure Travel fix. So Thank You Tim!

Yellowstone is one of my favorite places on the planet, and I bought this book in the hopes that it would give me some inside info on lesser traveled paths that I wasn't familiar with. This book wasn't what I expected, but I enjoyed it nonetheless. It's not a trail guide so much as it is the charming musings of the author as he walked some iconic trails in the park. It was delightful to read, and he does recommend some good trail guides at the end of his book. Win/win!

As advertised

What a thoroughly enjoyable book. Tim Cahill's self-deprecating humor, combined with an evocative writing style that never calls too much attention to itself, gives you the feeling of accompanying him and his companions on their many treks through Yellowstone. He's my new favorite author, and I anticipate that his other books will provide the same pleasure I derived from this one. Bravo! I've been to Yellowstone once before, and this book made me want to return there...soon.

I've been to Yellowstone plus I went to H.S. with Tim Cahill and enjoyed his perspective of hiking through unexplored parts of our first National Park!

Tim Cahill's *Lost in My Own Backyard* was a great read prior to visiting Yellowstone. His book is both very educational regarding the region and its formation, but also humorous. Although my visit will not include the multiple week, long distance hikes to remote areas, it is nice to know what else is out there.

Love Cahill's style

This was a really fun book to read! I finished it in one day while travelling. It gives a nice overview of things you will find in the park and the wit of the author keeps things light and funny.

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