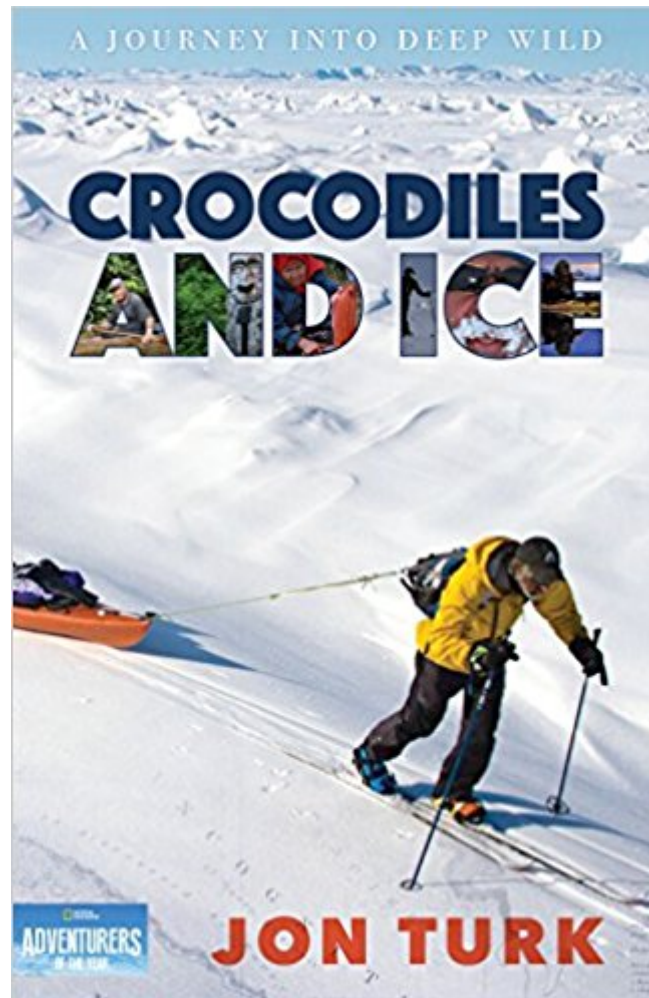




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Crocodiles And Ice: A Journey Into Deep Wild



Synopsis

Crocodiles and Ice recounts Jon Turk's journey from suburban Connecticut into Deep Wild, an ancient passage, repeated in one form or another a zillion times, and ignored just as often. It is a storyteller's passage of discovery, full of high adventure and humour on his multiple award-winning Ellesmere Circumnavigation, as well as on expeditions in the jungles and oceans of the Solomon Islands, on the Himalayan plateau, and across the mountains of northern British Columbia. Throughout all these expeditions, *Crocodiles and Ice* explores a Consciousness Revolution toward a personal, spiritual, and reciprocal relationship with the planet even as our oil-soaked, internet-crazed, consumer-oriented society rushes rapidly and recklessly into massive and catastrophic climate change. He invites his readers to listen to our ancestors, a wolf that lingers, a Siberian shaman, a Chinese bicycle nomad, a lonely Tlingit warrior laying down to die in a storm, and the landscapes themselves. Because beyond technological marvels and imagined responsibility, there lies a glorious and sustainable lifestyle that is based not on consumerism and consumption but on Deep Wild as a place of solace, sanity, and hope.

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"Jon Turk shares the importance of finding the wild in our daily lives. An important read as our society collides headlong into an over-subscribed world." ~Conrad Anker, *The North Face* extreme Alpinist
"Jon Turk takes us on his personal journeys to Earth's remote places where one becomes embedded in the natural world as experienced by our ancestors." ~Henry Pollack, Co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore, and author of *A World Without Ice*. "His journeys and encounters

embody a unique combination of physical audacity, deep humility, and extraordinary trust in what comes - the ingredients of wisdom, and of real adventure."~John Vaillant: Environmentalist, author of *The Golden Spruce*, *The Tiger*, and *The Jaguar's Children*.

Jon Turk received his Ph.D. in chemistry in 1971, wrote the first environmental science textbook in North America, and continued as an environmental science writer for 40 years. He has also engaged in numerous extreme outdoor expeditions. Jon's circumnavigation of Ellesmere Island was nominated by National Geographic as one of the top ten adventures of 2011. He has written three books chronicling his physical passages and the spiritual journey toward a Consciousness Revolution. When not out travelling, Turk divides his time between his time between Fernie, BC and Darby, Montana.

I'm a fan of Jon Turk's books and this newest work does not disappoint. The same indomitable spirit, thirst for life and adventure jumps off the page and will keep you up at night wondering what will happen next. This particular book has the added perk of containing some serious sage advice for all of humanity, delivered with humility and wit and Turk's characteristic self-effacing light touch, but still serious nevertheless. This is a man who has lived life to the fullest, made mistakes, conquered the unconquerable, and yet there isn't an ounce of macho bravado in the retelling. If you haven't read his other books, do! They lead directly into this book. If you only have time for one Turk book, this one delivers the message for our time. Read it. Turk's philosophy of 'Deep Wild' is a way of being on the earth, of being human in new relation to the world around us, it is a philosophy asking humans to truly understand our place in the cosmos. It is a very shamanic approach, and as such it is ancient and new at the same time. Jon Turk earns his reputation as National Geographic Explorer by understanding that extreme adventure doesn't just mean physical challenge. There is a consciousness shift that occurs with true relationship with the Earth. An understanding that she and her creatures are in on this adventure with us.

I just finished reading *Crocodiles and Ice*. Jon has written another wonderful book, this is a book I will reread and share far and wide. *Crocodiles and Ice* is plenty full of adventure and a spirit of limitless exploration.....of deep wild places, of the human spirit and of the state of the planet. This beautiful book is full of thought provoking stuff. Jon has integrated his life story and adventures in to the midst of discussions as diverse as Deep Ecology, global warming, indigenous cultures and ways to heal ourselves and the planet. Two unexpected examples.....Jon references Brene'

Browns' TED talk "The Power of Vulnerability" as he discusses our need for connectivity and reciprocal relationships. The final chapter, Synchronicity and Grace, speaks to the healing power of story telling, movement and honest relationships.....this as Jon and members of Weber Dance share their gifts with a group of incarcerated teens. Wheels are turning as I am inspired to plan my next trip to deep wild places/spaces.

I love Jon Turk's books, and "Crocodiles and Ice: A Journey into Deep Wild" is no exception. In some ways this book is all over the place"both in words and in miles"yet somehow Jon makes it all work. His writing style is so effortless to read.And of course, Jon Turk books always have an adventure that few others on the planet would ever be able to survive. His circumnavigation of Ellesmere Island is such an adventure. While reading, I found myself wanting to be with him in the ice and misery of this first of its kind expedition"and then again, maybe not!The bottom line is that "Crocodiles and Ice" is a must read for anyone who enjoys great outdoor adventures and a well-reasoned environmental message.Marty Essen, author of:"Endangered Edens: Exploring the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Costa Rica, the Everglades, and Puerto Ricoand" Cool Creatures, Hot Planet: Exploring the Seven Continents

Hi Jon- I just finished your book and I wanted to tell you that I am very impressed with it. What you have to say about adventuring, culture and anthropology, history both recent and pre-, science, consciousness, and politics; weaving it together in such a seamlessly interconnected way, often many of these in the same paragraph, is amazing! Very difficult to do and maintain flow and interest, yet you do it so well! Much of this I have been aware of consciously in my life; much has been background noise, there but not quite in front. Your writing brings to me a clearer understanding of how all of this is present in my life and awareness. Thanks!

I believe Mr. Turk captured the essence of a non-material world. It provokes thoughts of what it takes to live, not with the material trappings that we have come to believe make our life rich, but with the ever-changing world around us. We as a race have become so enamored with what we have and what more we need we have failed to see the destruction of our planet. We alone have caused this. This is not nature just acting out. I believe Mr. Turk's book causes one to look inside themselves and take stock of who and what you are.

One of my husband's favorite adventurers. He's been waiting for this one to add to his collection.

Avidly reading & never disappointed by Jon Turk.

AMAZING READ!!! INSPURATIONAL!! A MUST BUY!! BOUGHT FIVE COPIES FOR MY MOTHER :)

I'm giving as gift, so have not read. But expect it to be good!

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