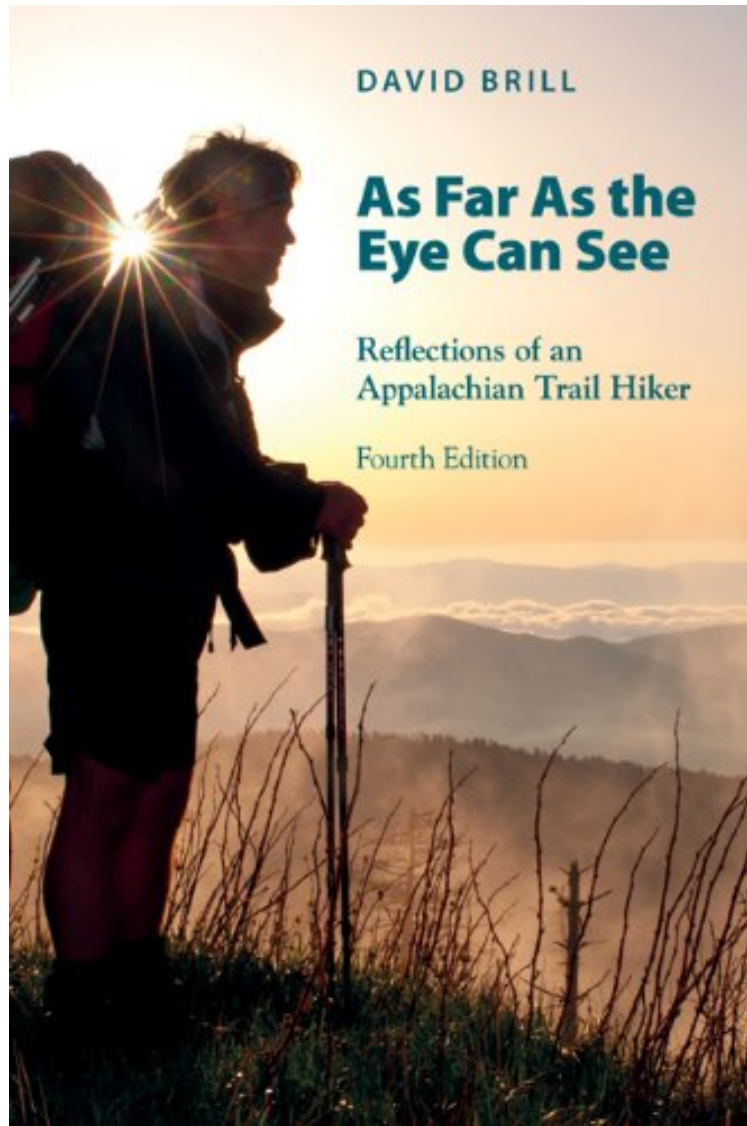


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In 1979, David Brill became one of the first of a new generation to complete the Georgia-to-Maine hike on the Appalachian Trail. *As Far as the Eye Can See*, now a classic, chronicles his six-month, 2,100 mile walk, a quest to live simply and deliberately, with room to grow, to breathe, to change, to discover what really mattered to him. This new edition includes two new chapters: *A Passage, at Midlife along the Smokies AT* and *On the Trail of Benton MacKaye* Again. They recount a time of reawakening in the author's life, when Brill pulled his backpack off its peg in the shed and took to the trail once more, returning to the woods not as visitor but as a man who felt most at home in the forested mountains of the Appalachians. In the process, he rediscovered as most hikers do the centering experience of exploring earth with feet and the healing power of the natural world.

Trail enthusiasts will love this one. . . . Best account I have read of an end-to-end walk on the Appalachian Trail. . . . Thoreau lives! *Roanoke Times World News* Walk the trail with Brill. . . , and see if you dont come out. . . thinking about doing something to push your own boundaries a little further. *Rockland Gazette* This book. . . almost defies a neat label. It is part philosophy, part adventure, part practical guide, and part character study. . . . The book is well written, and its appeal will not be limited only to the outdoor enthusiast. *The Pittsburgh Press* About the Author David C. Brill is the author of *Cumberland Odyssey: A Journey in Pictures and Words along Tennessee's Cumberland Trail* and *Plateau and Desire* and *Ice: Searching for Perspective atop Denali*. He has scaled both Mt. Rainier and Mt. McKinley.