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Jerry Ellis : Marching Through Georgia before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Marching Through Georgia:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Ellis book Walking the trail of tears and love both of them By booi have Mr. Ellis book Walking the trail of tears and love both of them. I felt like I was there with him. Trail of Tears helped me with some of my feelings since my great, great grandmother was Cherokee. My great, great grandfather was living in Georgia and wanted to marry her but could not find a minister who would perform the ceremony so he brought her to Alabama and found a Justice of Peace who would. For some reason I felt a little closer to her. My Uncle Henry fought in the Civil war and was killed at Shiloh. I did walk that battlefield and wanted to back some of the soil but was not allowed too. Mr. Ellis has touched upon feelings I never knew I had and I thank him. Please read his book. You will not be sorry. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Blending the Old South with the New South! A Must Read! By gbear First, let me say I love reading about the Civil War era. In this book, Jerry, does another "walk" to re-trace William T. Sherman's steps from Atlanta to Savannah. To me his walk takes you into the heart of the South. You get to know the people he stopped and spoke with, some he spent the night in their homes. This is also Jerry's heritage as he was born and raised in Alabama. Being terrific at posing questions to the people he meets along his Southern route, he hears stories that are uplifting as well as heart-felt. He takes this opportunity to blend the old South with the new modern South. Above all, this is an important time in our American History. From other books I have read of Jerry and his "Walks", it's always been important for him to understand his heritage and roots. I think all

would be interested in this book for many reasons.....1. Getting to know the Old and New South and how they compare; 2. Jerry's discussions with people meet along his walk and what the reader learns about certain aspects of the Civil War; and, 3. The dedication that is shown by Jerry to share this part of our history and his life with the rest of us. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. My Walk with Jerry Ellis is filled with Jerry's trademark straightforward and beautiful prose, This is a very moving emotional journey told by Ellis. This is a wonderful gratifying read, because Jerry tells a very powerful story and makes you feel like you are Marching Through Georgia with him. I loved the book and enjoyed taking the journey with Jerry. Jerry Ellis is a fabulous author! Ann G. Houston

The author chronicles his walk from Atlanta to Savannah, examining the scars left by the Civil War, reflecting on what being Southern meant to his late father, and encountering many eccentric characters with roots in the war.

From Publishers Weekly Ellis, author of previous books on long walks (Walking the Trail, about the Cherokee Trail of Tears; Bareback!, about the route of the Pony Express) here follows the route of William T. Sherman's Civil War march through Georgia. Ellis's purpose is to reestablish his Southern roots and reconnect with his late father. He offers a series of anecdotes and vignettes that focus on the people he encounters along the way, seasoned with occasional references to the Union presence over a century ago. The result is a book about seemingly ordinary people who do seemingly ordinary things, from drinking whisky to tending goats, that under Ellis's deft stylistic touch and wry sense of humor become extraordinary. Some of the vignettes reinforce Southern gothic stereotypes; nevertheless, this is a work to be savored. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Ellis (Bareback, LJ 9/15/93) shares his new adventure?following Sherman's 1864 March to the Sea from Atlanta to Savannah?undertaken to honor his dead father and to get close to the heart of the South. Whether he is chatting with storekeepers as he rests along his journey or with his hosts at a home filled with Civil War furniture and relics, the author collects tales of the Old South. As each person shares his or her story and hospitality, we are given a peek into that individual's life, as much in the present as in the past. Ellis intersperses among the stories historical facts about the Civil War. Besides experiencing the war, we discover what it meant and still means to be a Southerner. This book sheds new light on an important part of our history. Recommended for general collections.?Lucille Corbo, MLS, Scranton, Pa. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Ellis, who is part Cherokee, walked 900 miles along the fabled Trail of Tears, the banishment route for that tribe in 1838[^]-39. His 1989 trek resulted in Walking the Trail, a widely acclaimed memoir. Now Ellis has attempted to "reconnect" with his southern heritage by walking the route Sherman took from Atlanta to the sea as he cut a swath of destruction through the southern heartland. Ellis blends historical nuggets, family history, and personal insights into a delightfully intimate narrative. Along his route we encounter a cast of charming characters with their own personal histories. Ellis does a fine job of integrating their experiences with his own. What emerges is a portrait of a land and people still holding fast to a sometimes bitter heritage, even in the face of rapid change and so-called progress. Jay Freeman