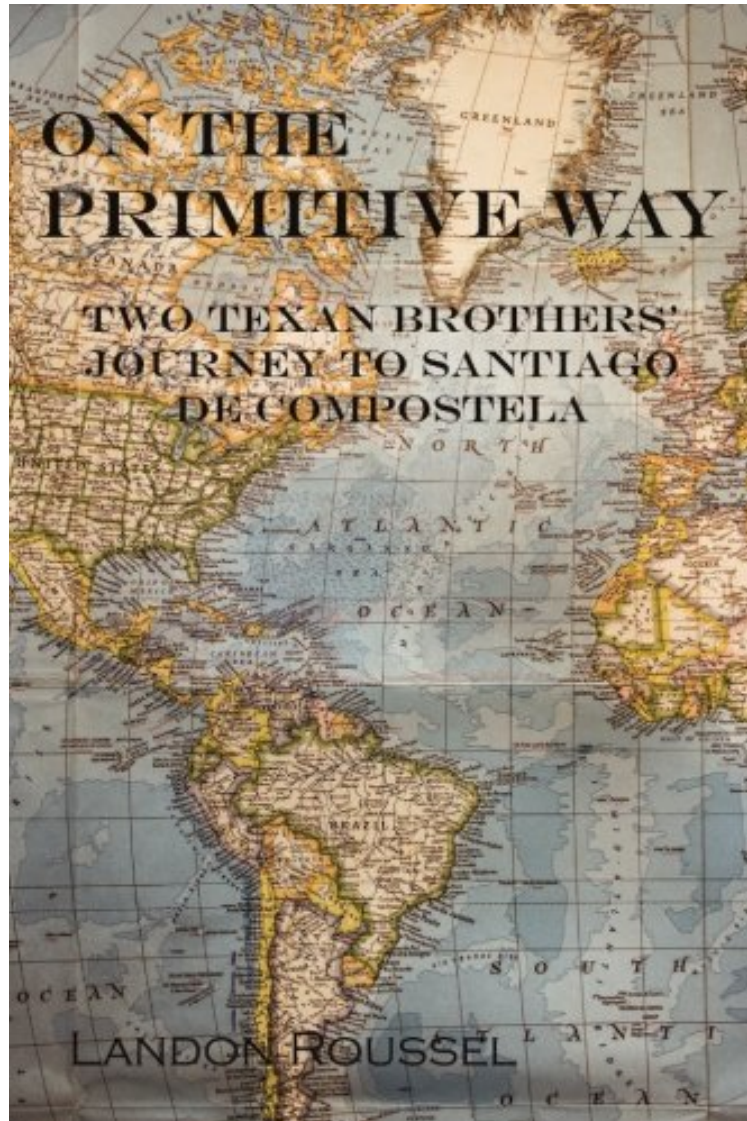


[Download pdf] On the Primitive Way

On the Primitive Way

Landon Roussel

*ebooks | Download PDF | *ePub | DOC | audiobook*



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#2011517 in Books 2015-11-29 Original language: English 9.00 x .58 x 6.00l, #File Name: 0996968105228 pages | File size: 64.Mb

Landon Roussel : On the Primitive Way before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised On the Primitive Way:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Moving, fresh narrative about a personal story and El CaminoBy Krzysztof FranaszekWow. What a moving story. I got this book, thinking it would be just another memoir about El Camino de Santiago. As a Hispanophile, I had always known about the Way of St. James to Santiago de Compostela, and I had wanted to read more about it but never know where to start. When I heard the author was also affiliated with my medical university, I decided to give it a try. After all, he is a physician and he is writing about El Camino. When I

started to read, I quickly realized that the book is so much more. The story pulls you in as you learn of the trauma that drugs imparted on the two brothers. Then comes their journey to Oviedo. As they walk through the mountains of Asturias, the author describes in flashbacks part memories with this brother. The flashbacks are very emotional but timely. The story gets richer as they go, part of a slow, several-course meal. Of course, desert comes last. The end, while unexpected is deep with profound insights that are well worth the wait. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Insightful and a great read

By Cynthia Deall I had a difficult time putting this book down and was immediately drawn into the story when on the second page, Dr. Roussel's mom told him his brother would be released from prison. Not only does Dr. Roussel tell his story in a compelling way, but I like the way he weaves the story by switching back and forth from the walk to previous times with his brother. For someone so young, Dr. Roussel also has excellent insights into himself, the struggle of choosing recovery that Cory went through, and the Catholic/Christian faith. I think this book could have a message for almost anyone. One of the themes of the book that resonated with me was how important it is to spend time with our loved ones while they are with us. In the previous 6 months before my dad was diagnosed with cancer, our family saw him 5 times, which was unusual since we lived 400 miles away from each other. Between my parents' 50th wedding anniversary, my son's graduation from high school, a family reunion, and dropping off and picking up our younger girls while we brought our son to college, we had many memories to enjoy after my father's death. Although Dr. Roussel's circumstances were much more tragic, what a beautiful divine appointment that was for the two brothers. What a gift in the midst of a hard, hard life.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. More than just a long walk in Spain

By presenter As a Camino enthusiast, I have read a few books about the historic Camino de Santiago pilgrimage, but this one was different. Not only does Dr. Roussel show what the less-traveled Camino Primitivo route is like, but he also tells a personal story of his brother who had a lifelong struggle with addiction. After his brother had been released from prison, the two of them walked the Camino together. The narrative shifts between two timelines—the present experience on the Camino, and memories of his brother, some of which were painful. Dr. Roussel is a skilled storyteller, so he manages to pull it off without the reader getting lost in the two worlds. The transitions were easy to follow and it succeeded in being a real page-turner!

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and recommend it to anyone interested in the Camino. It will also be of interest for those who know someone struggling with addiction. Landon Roussel did a brave thing by openly talking about a subject that is usually kept locked away in a vault of family secrets. His Camino was more than just a long walk in Spain with his brother. There is an important lesson here. Bravo!

At first glance, Spring of 2013 couldn't have been a more inopportune time for brothers Landon and Cory Roussel to walk the historic Camino de Santiago. Landon had a newborn child at home and had just completed medical school, ready to stay at home and relax with his new son before beginning residency. Cory, on the other hand, had just been released from Federal prison and had neither a job nor a penny to his name. On closer inspection, however, the time could not have been better for these two brothers, separated for over ten years by Cory's addiction and imprisonment, to walk the Way of St James. After much to do with flight planning, route mapping and child-care arranging, these two brothers finally manage to get to Spain, where they embark together from Oviedo into the mountains of Asturias Spain on the Primitive Way to Santiago. As they encounter torrential rains, blindsiding blizzards and grueling climbs, the author comes to find that the real challenge is not to endure the elements but to reconcile with each other after a tumultuous past. Will the two brothers reconcile? Or will they be driven further apart? Is healing possible after enduring such hurt from wounds inflicted by Cory's addiction? These are some of the questions Landon wrestles with in this riveting tale as he chronicles their journey through the Asturian Mountains. In this page-turning memoir, Roussel captures not only his and his brother's story but also the story of many who struggle to connect with loved ones when their loved ones fall down in life ... "None of us are guaranteed a future with our loved ones," he writes. "If we don't cherish moments with them for what they are, we risk not cherishing our loved ones for who they are, but rather who we want them to be." *On the Primitive Way* is a moving, heart-warming reflection on the challenge of loving someone close even as they struggle and of finding joy in each day's journey.

" *On the Primitive Way* is the first Camino memoir to chronicle not only the Way of Saint James but also the way of two brothers: their separation, reuniting and healing on their pilgrimage." --Martin Sheen, award-winning actor starring in *The Way* (2010)

"After eleven centuries of history, the pilgrimage still has the ability to work 'miracles.' This is what Cory and Landon experienced as pilgrims in *On the Primitive Way*. Passing the seven mountain passes that occur between Oviedo and Santiago, a metaphor for the difficulties in life they had to overcome, they were able to find at the end peace, true brotherhood and harmony with nature." --Antn Pombo Rodriguez, best-selling author of *Caminoguidebooks*

"If you've walked El Camino from Saint Jean, *On the Primitive Way* will make you want to walk it from Oviedo." --Kurt Koontz, Author of *A Million Steps*

"*On the Primitive Way* is more than another Camino memoir, it is a story of two brothers, estranged by addiction and reconciled on the Way. Anyone who has had a family member or loved one suffering from addiction will relate to Landon's description of his struggle to love his brother even when he continues to fall deeper into substance abuse." --Beatriz Gonzales-Stephan, Lee Hage Jamail Chair in Latin

