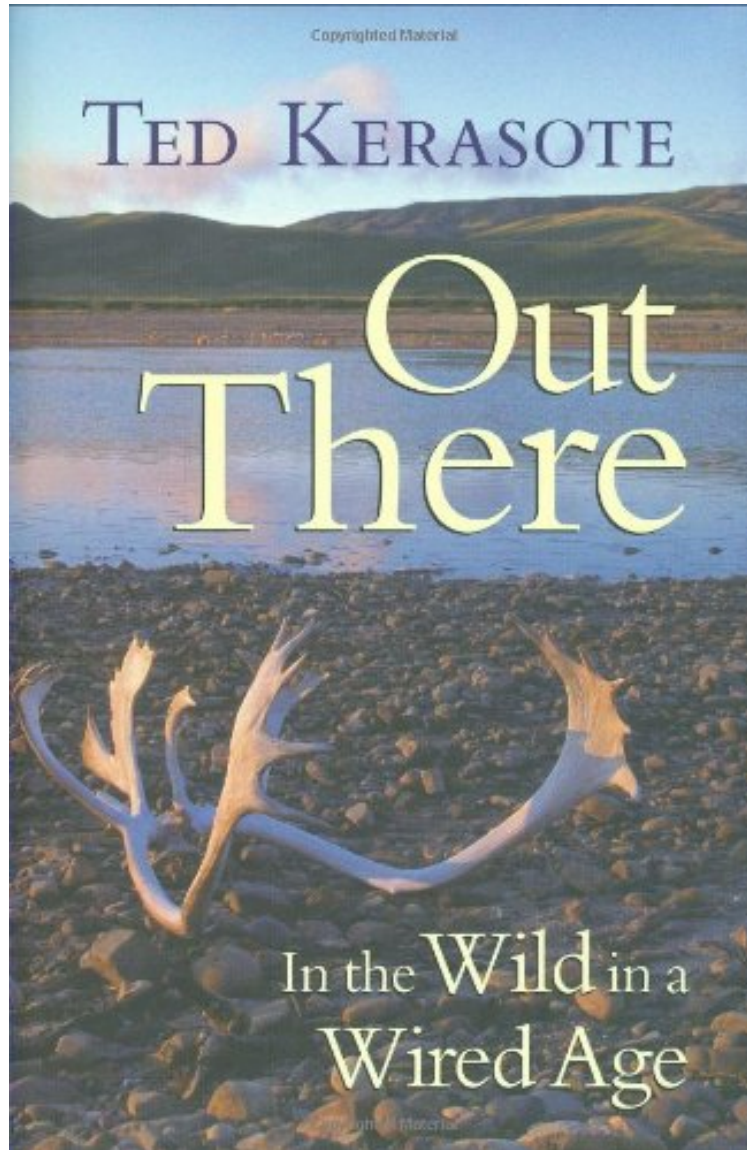


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though the trip he was describing was only two weeks long. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars  
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Let me start by saying that I am a huge fan of Ted Kerasote. This is a short book about his experience out on the Horton River with his friend who brings a remote phone. I felt like I was out there with him experiencing the beauty and surprises along the way. Ted has a great writing style that allows his readers to laugh along with him and also feel his uneasiness when talking on the remote phone while he is out in the wild. Returning back to civilization was hard and I felt disappointed that the trip ended but I believe that was the point, to know the actual difference. I would also highly recommend any of his other books especially Merle's Door. It is truly my favorite. Also, Ted has a couple books coming out in 2010 and I can hardly wait. He is personable, knowledgeable, and a gentle spirit that offers his wonderful perspective so that we may explore and learn to be in harmony with nature.

WINNER, 2004 NATIONAL OUTDOOR BOOK AWARD! (Outdoor Literature) Who hasn't wanted to get away from cell phones, e-mail, roads, and traffic? And what better place to escape our wired world than the far northwestern corner of Canada's Northwest Territories and a river that flows through uninhabited country, 400 miles to the Arctic Ocean. But what if your canoeing partner brings along a satellite phone to use in case of an emergency? And, struck by the novelty of anywhere-on-earth communication, he proceeds to use the phone to check in with his law office, his wife, kids, sisters, father, and friends? Noted wilderness traveler and author Ted Kerasote deals with just such a situation as he journeys along the Horton River through the largest ice-free, roadless area left on Earth, a stunning wilderness of grizzly bears, caribou, and migrating birds. Between navigating rapids, slipping around musk ox and grizzlies, and being pinned down by Arctic storms, the two friends prod each other into a finer understanding of love, marriage, parenting, and the meaning of solitude in an increasingly wired world. Contrasting his own experiences with those of the regions earliest explorers--Sir John Franklin and Vilhjalmur Stefansson--Kerasote provides a compelling and humorous take on how travelers from any age adjust to being away from their civilizations and how getting "out there" has inevitably changed but has also remained the same--especially if you shut off the phone.

Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. The current carries us swiftly past the pilot and the three anglers downstream, all of whom are playing leaping grayling. An instant later, were swept around a bend and out of sight. The country immediately becomes so empty it seems as if were the first people on Earth. Even after spending many years in the outdoors, in some very remote places, I always find this sudden change in consciousness a jolt. Its as if an unseen hand has literally flipped a switch in the universe. One moment Im embedded in a world where motorized conveyances offer a quick escape to comfort and safety. The next, Im free-floating in a world from which escape is extremely difficult or was until the advent of global satellite phones. The Arctic landscape hasn't changed since I first saw it two decades ago--shoreline sedges, dense willow, a moir of green tundra, rippling and shimmering away toward hills dappled with the shadows of cumulus clouds but I have to admit that the countrys old edginess is gone. The mixture of genuine fear at being alone in the vastness of the high latitudes, and the lovely tension of facing that fear with no resources other than what weve brought along and the wit inspired by necessity, is diminished. The air taxi services telephone number is programmed into Lens satphone and is no more than the push of a memory button away. The entire rescue services of North America would then be at our disposal, down to a huge, twin-rotor helicopter that can navigate through fog and find us by Global Positioning System coordinates. Len, leaving nothing to chance, has also accepted the offer of a handheld GPS from his law partner a device that, with another push of a button, tells you your! latitude and longitude, bouncing its signal from satellites circling overhead. All this technology doesnt mean that well be less careful. Getting pinned in a rapid with your head underwater takes only a few seconds of inattention, and then all the satphones and GPSs in the world wont do you a bit of good. Nevertheless, the phone has given us a newfound cushion and is extinguishing an awareness thats always been part of these trips, what I like to think of as slipping through the worlds harshness by a mixture of skill and divine grace. About the Author Ted Kerasote is a regular contributor to "Outside," "Audubon", and other magazines and is the author of several books. He has participated in and led many backcountry trips, including mountaineering, desert and jungle crossings, skiing, dog sledding, river descents by canoe and kayak, and ocean sea kayaking. These trips have taken place all over the globe. "Ted Kerasote is a fine literary companion---poetic, honest and observant." -- (Alexandra Fuller, author of Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood) "Ted Kerasote is a fine literary companion---poetic, honest and observant." -- Alexandra Fuller, author of Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood "The writing in this book is like a hand crafted canoe, elegant in its simplicity . . ." -- Mark Jenkins, The Hard Way columnist for Outside magazine