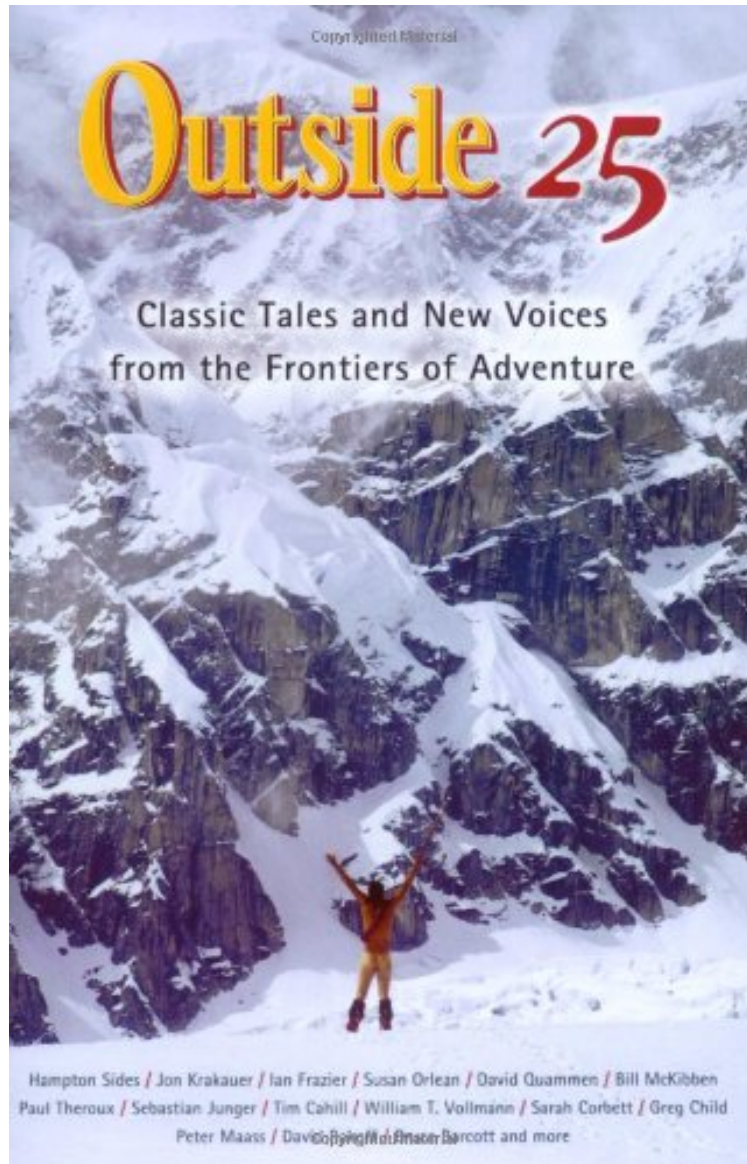


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True stories of wild places and extreme endeavors from the magazine that invented adventure writing as we know it. Sebastian Junger goes whaling; Jon Krakauer solves the fatal mystery of a lost hiker; David Quammen tracks big, bad wolves in Romania; Ian Frazier profiles the world's wildest mushroom hunter; Susan Orlean goes native with Maui's surfer girls; Bill McKibben crosses the disappearing finish line; Peter Maas endures free-fire zones in Sudan and Somalia; Mark Jenkins explores the soul of mountaineering; Hampton Sides runs wild with skiing's fastest man; Bill Vaughn skates home backwards; Hodding Carter Jr. adopts a wild manatee; David Rakoff survives survival school; and more. The editors of Outside bring together 36 stories that comprise some of the finest nonfiction gathered anywhere, works that take us to remote corners of the world and into distant realms of the imagination. By turns comical and sobering, whimsical and nerve-racking, the stories in this collection embody Outside's ability to hone the cutting edge, publishing the innovative, exhilarating, zany, wise voices of sport, travel, and adventure.

From Publishers WeeklyOutside's gem of a silver anniversary anthology gathers 35 articles, most published within the last five years, that exuberantly extend "the boundaries of adventure storytelling." The usual suspects show their leathery faces, of course: Sebastian Junger profiles Bequia native Athneal Ollivierre, the "last living harpooner," John Krakauer reports the sad story of Chris McCandless, who spent 113 days foraging in the Alaskan wilderness before succumbing to starvation, and Paul Theroux explores the island of Palawan. But lesser-known or (better-known for other things) contributors also grace these pages: essayist and This American Life regular David Rakoff gets sent to survival school, Susan Orlean hangs with the Maui Surfer girls and Sara Corbett (Venus to the Hoop) pays tribute to the determination of professional skate- and snowboarder Cara-Beth Burnside. Divided into themed sections ("Tracks" contains travel stories, for instance, while "The Fall Line" showcases accounts of "risk, danger, crime and ethics at the sharp end of circumstance") but consistently dedicated to the celebration of wild people and wilder places, this is a volume sure to please lovers of nature and fans of sharp, engaging prose. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.From BooklistThis collection of essays marks Outside magazine's twenty-fifth anniversary and, unlike their previous collections, Out of the Noosphere and the Best of Outside: The First 20 Years, this one draws on work published in the last five years. Krakauer's Into Thin Air and Junger's The Perfect Storm started as articles in the pages of the magazine, and the editors have gathered both seasoned and up-and-coming writers to contribute their wilderness experiences. The collection is divided into five separately themed sections: "Tracks" features stories of travel--Paul Theroux kayaks in the scattered islands of the Philippines; "Wild Things" are tales of threatened places and animals--W. Hodding Carter worries about his adopted manatee son; "At Play" showcases the athlete--Mr. Mellow attempts to finish a punishing 100-mile race in Steve Friedman's contribution; "The Fall Line" is about risk and danger--Peter Stark's study of advanced hypothermia literally chills the blood; and the final section, "Around the Bend," examines the sometimes strange pleasures of the wild--Mark Jenkins braves the elements with a master climber and existential dirtbag. An engrossing collection for environmentalists and armchair explorers. Carlos OrellanaCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved A blend that is exciting, thoughtful, poignant, whacky and always sparkling....Essential reading. - Tom Meade, Providence Journal-Bulletin