

Numerous sketch maps and ample directions open up these wonderful regions to the interested explorer of the present day. He may find the format of the *Atlas* rather cumbersome. It is large (approximately 12 x 18 inches) and built to last. But when rolled up and stuck into a pack it is hardly more awkward to carry than the loaf of French bread one of my early Swiss guides used to tuck into his knapsack when en route to a hut. As both are items that come in very handy later on, the slight bother involved seems entirely worthwhile.

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*High Sierra Mountain Wonderland*, by Wampler, Heald and McDermand.

Privately published by Joseph Wampler, Box 45, Berkeley 1, Calif.

122 pages, illustrated. Price \$2.00.

Seldom has such a small book contained so much. The high country traversed by the John Muir Trail forms the approximate area described. The authors are experts on their respective subjects. Six well-composed and highly interesting chapters by Weldon Heald cover Topography, Geology, History, Climate and Botany. Charles McDermand writes well about fish and fishing in one chapter. For the fisherman this one chapter justifies the book. Joseph Wampler introduces the reader to birds, animals and maps of the region, and to John Muir in a few intimate sketches, terminating the book with two informative chapters on how to enjoy the Sierra Nevada and how to visit it. A complete bibliography brings the book to a close. The great number of illustrations will stimulate the interest of the prospective visitor. The authors, each in his own way, have through their words succeeded in creating a true image of the "Range of Light."

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*A.M.C. White Mountain Guide*. Sixteenth Edition. Published by the Appalachian Mountain Club, 5 Joy St., Boston, Mass., 1960. 494 pages, 17 maps. \$4.50.

This sixteenth edition of a guidebook first published in 1907 has been completely revised since the last (1955) edition. A major change in arrangement puts the most visited regions, starting with the Presidential Range, at the beginning of the book. The maps are folded differently, making reference to them more convenient; the titles are printed so that they can be read without unfolding the map. An enlarged Franconia map in a frontcover pocket as well as the usual large-scale Mount Washington map cover the most frequently traveled White Mountain trails. The usual smaller maps adequately portray the rest of the region.

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