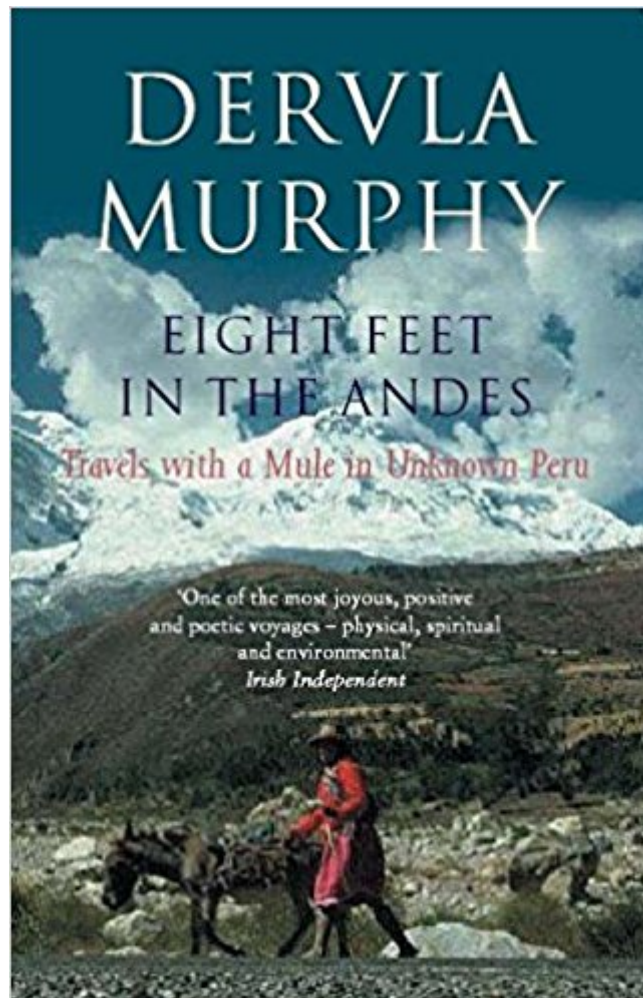




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Synopsis

The eight feet referenced in the title belong to Dervla Murphy, her nine-year-old daughter, and an elegant mule, who together clambered the length of Peru, from Cajamarca near the border with Ecuador, to Cuzco, the ancient Inca capital; traveling over 1,300 miles in high altitudes. Despite extreme discomfort and occasional danger, mother and daughter, a formidable duo, were unflagging in their sympathetic response to the perilous beauty and impoverished people of the Andes.

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Customer Reviews

“She is the best kind of traveler: observant, high-spirited, and impervious to discomfort.”
—The Sunday Telegraph

Dervla Murphy is one of the very best loved of travel writers. She was born in County Waterford and since 1964 has been regularly publishing accounts of her journeys - by bicycle and on foot - in the remoter areas of four continents. She has also written about the problems of Northern Ireland, the hazards of nuclear power, and race relations in Britain. The Times Literary Supplement called her 'an admirable woman - she has a romantic soul and a keen eye'.

SHE IS NUTZ!!!.....There is something truly refreshing about a 47 year old discovering a grassy slope or knoll ...and compelled to turn somersaults. Yes itz true..this girl is delightfully crazy..and she puts her craziness to work in wonderful employ. Handy with a pen and tough as army boots she

sets off anywhere it seems...and has a wow of a time...she is over 80 years old now and what an extraordinary life she hath lived. Hard to believe at times is her unfailing self belief...she sallies forth undaunted into unknown terrain. Her robust build helps for sure but this girl is almost fearless..which is where the lines are blurred somewhat...if she is mad or just very brave matters little. This is worth all of 5 stars coz' itz just unique.

This is the second of Dervla Murphy's books that I have read. She travels with her young daughter in both of them. She travels very "rough" with few supplies, and depends on the kindness of people she meets along the way. While this seems very dangerous to me, especially with a nine-year-old daughter in this case, it seems to work for her.

It got awfully long, but the writing is excellent. I wonder why anyone would be so masochistic and it seems cruel for her to put her daughter through all that. She should have been arrested for child abuse and endangerment. The mule got the best part of the trip. I'd like to meet Derv's daughter---she must be the best sport in the world. Dervla would get the prize for being the most egocentric.

I have very much enjoyed all of her books, but this might be my favorite. I tend to argue political/philosophical perspective as I follow Ms. Murphy on her adventures, but the presence of her young daughter seems to temper that aspect of her somewhat and she spends more time on landscape and immediate situations in this book.

Great mother daughter adventure. Having backpacked with my daughters this adventure was very interesting and well written.

Amazing trek by a mother and her nine year old daughter. Only read about a third of the book. Did not keep my interest.

Not as good as Ethiopia but still her vocabulary bursts with pictures, colours and feeling.

I gave this book as a gift. The recipient is quite pleased

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