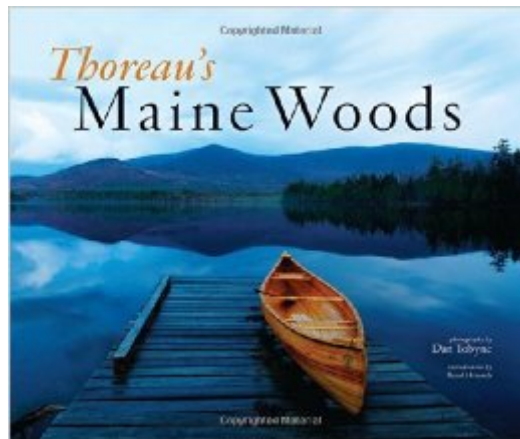


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# Thoreau's Maine Woods



## Synopsis

Beginning in 1847, Henry David Thoreau made three trips to the mostly unexplored Maine woods. Along the way he recorded his observations on the wildlife (flora and fauna), the weather, terrain, and on the nature of the people he met along the way, including loggers, rivermen, and his Abnaki guides. In Thoreau's Maine Woods, photographer Dan Tobyne captures the essence of the Maine Thoreau discovered and described in his book. The combination of short excerpts with stunning imagery carries Thoreau's work to a higher level, presenting it in both glowing words and pictures.

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It was approximately 150 years ago when Henry Thoreau wrote The Maine Woods (Penguin Nature Library). Thoreau was one of America's earliest naturalists and environmentalists. He traveled the world through books, but in terms of physical travel, Maine was about as far away as he ever got from his home near Concord, Massachusetts. His works are deeply meditative on the importance of the natural world in our lives. Dan Tobyne acquired an obsession with Thoreau - a beautiful obsession - and decided to follow the footsteps of Thoreau in Maine during his three visits there. It is a large part of central Maine; and Tobyne provides a suitable map which traces Thoreau's travels. This book consists, in general, of one large photograph per page, usually of the natural world, coupled with excerpts from Thoreau's book. And that is the true strength of Tobyne's book; he seems to have an uncanny knack of taking precisely the right picture to accompany Thoreau's words. It is a marvel... and no doubt, many photos hit the cutting room floor, or, as we do nowadays,

fell victim to the delete button. Perhaps 10% of the pictures involve man-made structures, usually old ones, including one of an ancient sawmill. The author obviously traveled to Maine on numerous occasions to take these pictures, so that you can enjoy Maine in its various seasons, including when it is snow-covered. And he only mentions the black flies once! Normally I appreciate more details about the photographer, and the conditions under which he worked, including when the photos were taken. It would also have been nice if the precise location was given.

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