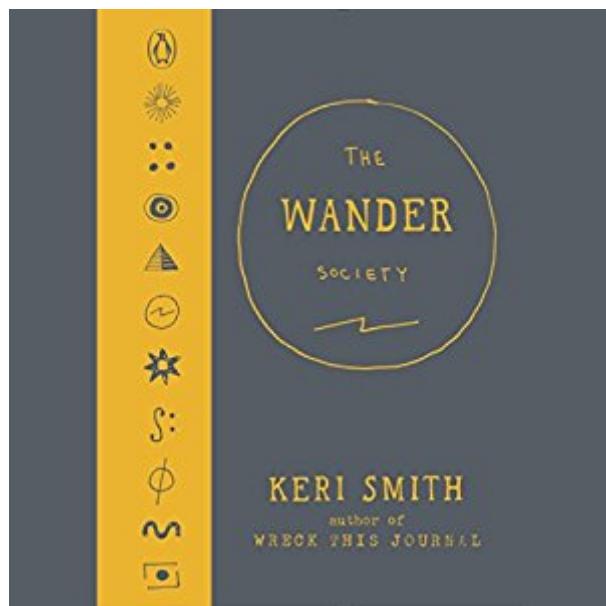


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Customer Reviews

"Society wants us to live a planned existence, following paths that have been traveled by others. Tried and True. The known, the expected, the controlled, the safe." I really enjoy the messages of this book. To me, it was encouragement to go against the grain and go to the beat of your own drum. As we get older, I think we get really caught up with what society tells us is important, and we lose imagination and curiosity. Being in college, I feel like there is a lot of pressure to get degrees that are "worth" something or that will get you a job that society tells you is important. I feel like this book is validation that it's okay to take your own path sometimes. I also found this book to be a lot of fun. The concept of a secret society really attracted me. It brought me back to my youth of making up my own secret clubs and going on adventures in my backyard to find secret passages and being really curious about my surroundings. I feel like part of me has never really let go of those things though. This has helped remind me of things that I had long forgot about, and I had a lot of

moments where I really connected with what I was reading. I gave this 4 stars because while there were 5 star parts, but there were also some things that felt like it could be 3. First, some pages had me wondering if the suggestions were really worthy of being in a book. One section is titled "Secrecy, or how to be invisible" and contains methods like camouflage, moving silently, don't wear perfume, don't carry a ton of stuff with you, and do activities that others are doing to blend in. Second, it felt contradictory. In the self-sufficiency skills section, one of the recommendations is learning coding/hacking; however, there is an entire section on how technology disconnects and distracts you from the world. Third, I felt really scattered at some points. The collection of authors/"fellow wanderers" felt haphazardly put together. I believe pieces of literature can communicate different things to different people, so maybe Keri Smith felt certain authors she chose to incorporate are also wanderers; however, I questioned how some people could be included, yet others weren't or were mentioned minimally. Personally I thought Hemingway should have made an appearance. Fourth, I felt like it was kind of silly in some parts, but this is from the perspective of a person in their 20s. I very much remember my 10 year old self practicing moving like a ninja and setting out with binoculars and setting up a fort in a secret spot with my friends and keeping watch. We would pretend we were spying or on a secret mission. I feel some of it is silly, but I could see myself doing these things again if I have kids someday, so this could be a positive or a negative depending on how you want to look at it. I think it would be really interesting to read with a young kid and setting out with them. Overall, I would recommend this book. I feel like my 10 year old self would relate to this a lot better, but is still accessible for my 20 year old self. There are more parts I enjoyed than I would leave out, and there is enough room to write your own thoughts if you feel like something is missing. Even if you don't relate to everything in the book, it can inspire you to look at the world in a way you might not have done since your youth.

This book is a call to action that combines all of my favorite things: nature, walking, contemplation, mindfulness, reading, writing, and personal growth! In many ways I have been a Wanderer my whole life, now I know I am not alone!

Loved this book! Since reading The Wander Society, I have been incorporating wandering into my week. Not every day, but when I can. On my wanders I've discovered art, a used bookstore, and paths I didn't know existed. The Wander Society has given me a different way of walking through the world. Thanks Keri! Such a great book. Z

Keri Smith has outdone herself with this latest wonderful book. Follow her discovery of the wisdom in a found book by Walt Whitman, through the mysteries of her wandering journey. This book is an inspiration, and a remarkable gift to any and all who would enter into it with an open mind and open heart.

What a great motivation to wander. Wandering can even be done in the home. Join the secret society and learn that "the path of the wanderer is an experiment with the unknown. To be idle, to play, to daydream." This is just what I needed to chase the winter woes away. "Solvitur ambiulando"

Really great read! Must-have for Thoreau or Walt Whitman fans and nature lovers. I recommend it to anyone who loves a long walk.

A whimsical exposition of an idea that has long been central to our philosophy... it is exciting to see how many beloved writers and naturalists from yesteryears were also "members" of the Wander Society (unbeknownst to them). My first impulse on receiving my copy was to buy more to have on hand to give to kindred spirits.

Intriguing book about a secret group called the Wonder Society. Encourages exploring the world and your mind. Walking solves everything.

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