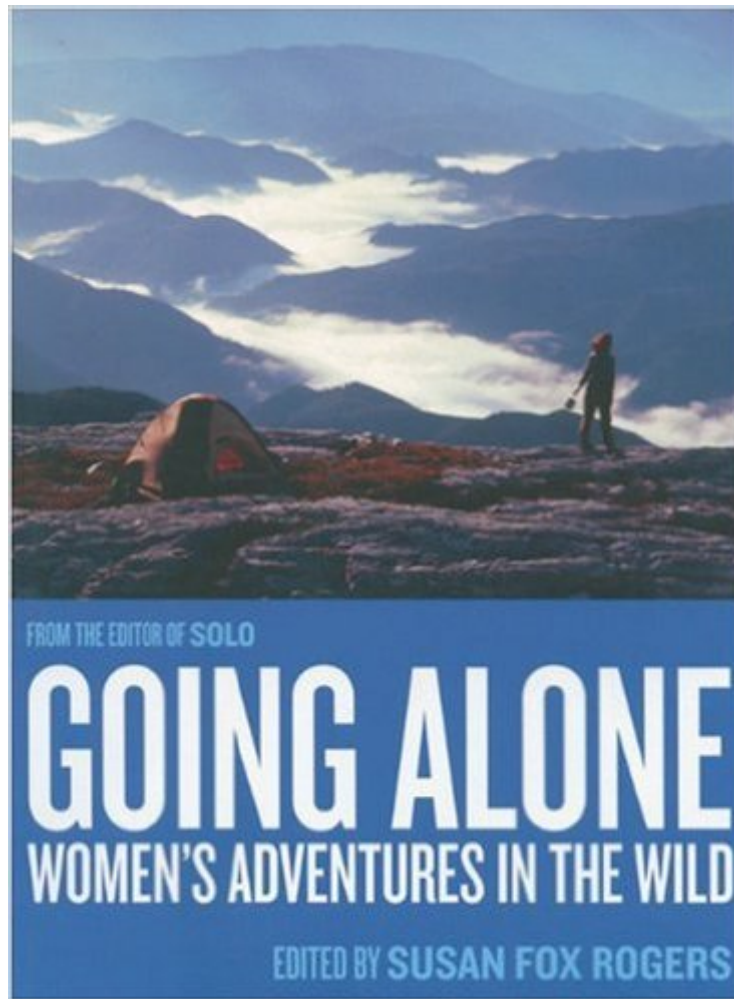


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lively conversation. Aside from descriptions of the things she sees, a woman traveling alone in the wilderness can only write about her thoughts and feelings. So this makes for a slow, non-thrilling, read, yet a valuable one. Unlike some travel anthologies I have read, the quality of the writing is consistently high. Which also is not surprising when you think about it. It takes considerably more skill to write an introspective essay than it does to recount the story of an exciting adventure. Three of the stories are particularly outstanding: "In The Tracks of the Old Ones," by Geneen Marie Haugen; "How Shall I Pray," by Susan Marsh; and "Turning Back," by Sherry Simpson. All are about aging and facing the realization that you are not as strong as you used to be and can no longer do the things you used to.

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