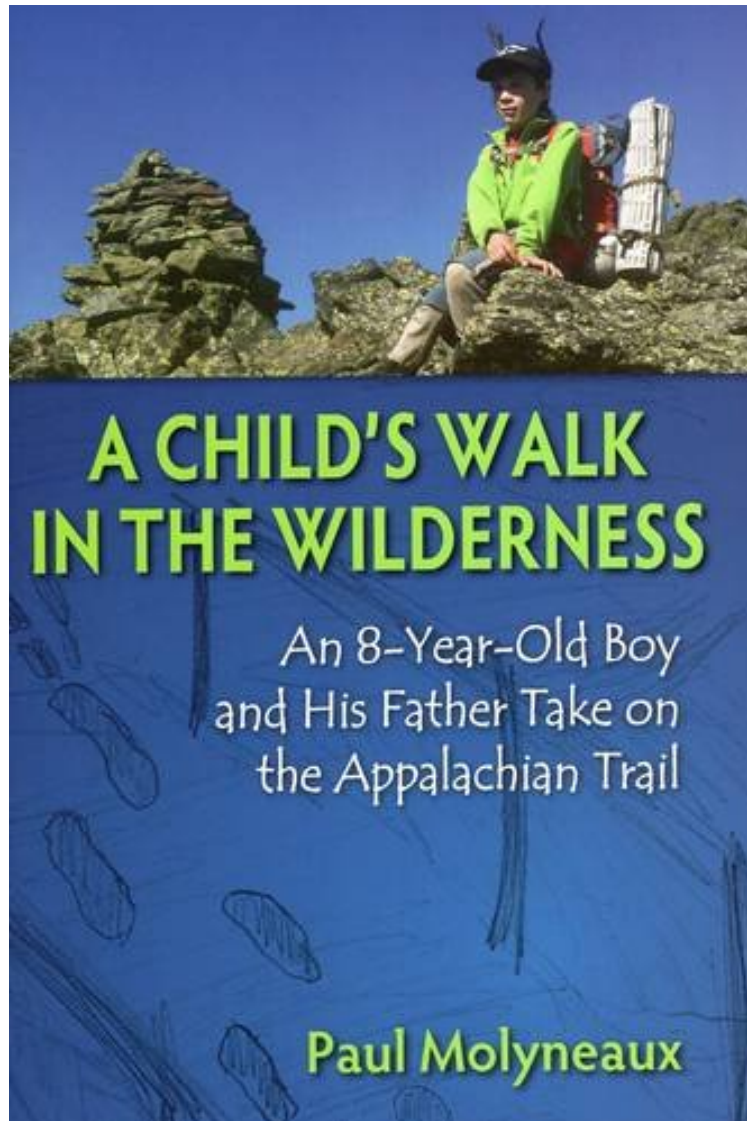


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**Paul Molyneaux, Asher Molyneaux : A Child's Walk in the Wilderness: An 8-Year-Old Boy and His Father Take on the Appalachian Trail** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Child's Walk in the Wilderness: An 8-Year-Old Boy and His Father Take on the Appalachian Trail:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. See the trail through the eyes of an eight year old boy  
By R. Bard  
People hiking on the Appalachian Trail ask eight-year old Venado (his self-designated trail nickname that means deer in Spanish) how he will make up all the school he is missing while spending more than half a year hiking the Appalachian Trail. His response? "This is school." Reading this book, we realize that Venado really is getting a fine education out on the trail. His patient father, answering endless questions about the animals, birds, plants and people they meet along the way, gets an education of his own. We all learn about the colorful individuals who inhabit the trail, and about the strength of character that drives a father to accompany his young son on a 2,000+ mile hike in the face of many obstacles. This book is for anyone (like me) who once dreamed of hiking the Appalachian Trail but never quite got around to it, but it is also for any parent (also like me) who wishes he could drop everything and spend months with their kids out in the woods. In my opinion, this is a much better story than Bill Bryson's "A Walk in the Woods." The Bangor Daily News, a Maine newspaper, did a great article about the pair just as the book came out. Here is the link: [...] . There is also a Facebook page - search for The Barbarian Utopia.  
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very good, entertaing book...  
By NCman  
This is a quick read and a great book about an AT thru-hike of a father and his son. I thought it would be from the perspective of the child, but instead it is how a father perceives the hike/situations of his son. Molyneaux does a great job describing the trail, their packs, gear and problems of the trial. Additionally Molyneaux is experiencing problems with his wife and uses the thru-hike as a way to think/focus on the family. I think its a great book and one of my more favorite backpacking narrative's. Being an avid outdoorsmen, backpack instructor and father, I enjoyed the trail descriptions, the colorful AT companions, the exploration of the relationship between father/son, the discussion of food etc. I found myself fanaticizing about taking my son or daughter on a section hike in the summers. This novel is worth the time.  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I liked parts a lot and was iffy on others  
By S. Marsh  
Interesting to read how a seven year old could start and finish a through hike (he was eight at the end). It gives perspective on an early start at Harpers Ferry and on getting all the way through. Not too sure about the barbarian philosophy, but like he finished the trail, I finished the book.

Imagine a 7-year-old boy asking his father if they can hike the entire length of the 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail together. Then imagine that the father says yes. Now think "What are they getting themselves into?" For the author of this deeply felt book, the planned hike is an opportunity to bond with his son and be what he calls "Barbarians"--in touch with natural processes far from the comforts of home. It's also a chance for nature to do some healing in his life, too. For the boy, it's a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. They start in West Virginia and head north, through cold and wet spring weather, carrying only what they need and picking up resupply boxes along the way. The boy is entranced by the freedom, asking questions nonstop and pointing out every interesting bug, bird, and blossom they pass. But he's also stubborn, sometimes scared, and occasionally too tired to trudge on. Dad relishes seeing the natural world through his son's eyes, but he also struggles with the responsibility of keeping the journey going forward. By the time they reach Vermont, with aching feet and frazzled nerves, their plan to take a train to Georgia and hike north to where they started is in serious jeopardy. But the trail beckons. Closely observed, wonderfully described, and bracingly clear-eyed, this inspiring book will appeal to nature lovers and would-be AT hikers alike. It offers a vivid evocation of both the camaraderie and dangers of trail life--as well as the difficulties of modern child-rearing and the powerful lure of an untamed natural world.

"Put aside the electronics, hoist your pack, and join 8-year-old Venado on the journey of a lifetime--an Appalachian Trail thru-hike. The boy finds adventure everywhere along the trail as he peppers his family with questions and proves the worth of Benton MacKaye's 91-year-old dream." (Larry Luxenberg author of *Walking the Appalachian Trail* and president of the Appalachian Trail Museum Society 2012-09-01) "In surefooted prose, *A Child's Walk in the Wilderness* chronicles the remarkable journey of a father and son . . . If ever two hikers fulfilled MacKaye's vision of the A.T. as a place "to walk, to see, and to see what you see," it would be this wide-eyed and adventuresome duo." (Laurie Potteiger Information Services Manager, Appalachian Trail Conservancy 2012-11-02) About the Author Paul Molyneaux is the author of *The Doryman's Reflection* and *Swimming in Circles*. He writes about commercial fishing for the New York Times and other publications and won a 2007 Guggenheim Fellowship to study sustainable fisheries in India, Chile, and Iceland. He and his family live in Maine and Mexico.