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WANNA GO ON AN ADVENTURE? THIS BOOK IS FOR YOU.

It's an interactive virtual hike across scenic Michigan, with creative and fascinating historical detours. A school teacher/librarian/administrator takes you on a 19-day trek from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan on the Michigan Shore-to-Shore Trail. And you can come along from the comfort of wherever you read.

There's adventure, and horror, and thrills, and romance, and sex on the beach (ok, not really,-but there is a steamy section about food at Joe's Friendly Tavern!)

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## **From Reader Review A Walk Across Michigan: Hiking the Michigan Shore-to-Shore Riding and Hiking Trail (Where's Will #1) for online ebook**

### **Kristen says**

Review pending...

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### **Jason says**

It's a pretty funny book, set up like A walk in the Woods, but a bit more ADD and with more fishing. I learned a fair bit too; I had never even heard of the STS trail before I saw this book, and now I want to hike it!

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### **Nick says**

A few years ago I stumbled across a hiking book that mentioned the Michigan Shore to Shore Trail. I was intrigued. Little did I know that was about all I would find about it. Then I saw this book on Goodreads so I HAD to read it. Before hiking the trail the author was on vacation near one end of the trail. He wanted to check it out. It seems most of Michigan, including those very near the trail haven't even heard of it. So when he goes to start the trail at the other side of the state he has just as much trouble! One last obscure trail tidbit- we have had a family cabin up north for almost 20 years. In my pursuit of maps I found the trail crosses our road around 1/4 of a mile away. And I have snowmobiled on parts that coincide with either roads or other trails.

I enjoyed learning a very little more about the trail and enjoy the author's sense of humor. Unfortunately most of his musings are not about the trail, what he's seen on it or where he's been. Now he doesn't claim this to be in any way a guide book. I'm just not sure that it is really a 'trail' memoir either. 2 1/2 stars- I rounded up.

Here is a link to the most detailed map I could find just in case anyone else is looking!  
<http://outdoormichigan.org/feature/96...>

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### **Mike says**

I would have liked a little more info on the trail itself, but I loved the tone of the book and all of the history that the author offered up. His love for Michigan really showed up on the pages of this book.

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## **Carrie says**

The writing style took a little getting used to. Mr. Swartz related his hike as if he were talking directly to you. There was not a lot of actual information on the hike, apparently he has another book that talks about the trail a little more in depth. There was however, a lot of interesting history on the places he passed through.

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## **Thunder\_swartz says**

This is a great read by a hilarious hiker! My dad wears many hats and each come out in turn through the journey from shore to shore. Father, husband, brother, hiker, fisher, joker, educator, storyteller and librarian to mention a few. The last one makes the book take on a flavor not found in other books on hiking as he delves in to the most entertaining bits of history. "Willy Swartzencroppin" had some exploits that you will find hard to believe!

The MI Shore-to-Shore is a very accessible trail for the amateur hiker looking for a challenge. Perhaps you're considering a bigger hike like the PCT or AT? Consider this trip as a longer-term shakedown to see if you're really ready to commit. This book will give you the information you need to prep for it. Be warned, this charmed hiker had near-flawless Michigan weather (75 and sunny) that you can't plan for! But whatever the weather, bring a pail for blueberries...

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## **Will Swartz says**

I think this is the best book I've ever written!

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## **Alison says**

kindle 201 (hiking)

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## **Kim Scobie says**

I received this book from a free giveaway on Goodreads. I enjoyed the author's irreverent style. It reminded me a bit of the writing of Douglas Adams, but without the whole science fiction/fiction elements. I like the way that the reader is included in the writing, it makes it seem more tangible. It was fun to follow the author's convoluted but semi-focused train of thought. The smatterings of history and asides kept the book interesting, as well as humourous. If I had access to the internet while I was reading it, I would have looked up more of the information. It made me want to get out and explore even more.

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## **Myra L Rice says**

### **Hiking the STS in Michigan**

Well written account of hiking across Michigan from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan! Being a Michigander and a hiker, I especially enjoyed reading about this hike! I had never heard about this trail! I will tell everyone about the trail and about this book.

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## **Mike says**

Lots of interesting experiences from this shore to shore walk by the author. But, it is filled out with many anecdotes that seemed irrelevant to me or the hike. The author is a fellow librarian.

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## **Erin says**

Conversational and full of detours, I enjoyed the meandering wanderings of an enthusiastic but quirky hiker. Be warned, however: this is not a guidebook. While there are maps, a few recommendations for eating, overnight accommodations, and fishing spots, don't expect a comprehensive guide to hiking across Michigan (I think that's in the sequel, *An 83,905-Step Guide to Walking Across Michigan*). The descriptions of trails, campgrounds, birds, waterways, and trail logistics make up the outdoorsy stuff, but there's also many forays into Michigan history, tourism, thoughts about coffee and beer, the author's family, and his personal and professional life. A few tall tales and quotes round out the experience.

It's not quite like anything else I've read, but I would wholeheartedly recommend it for readers who love Michigan, journeys, or have a sense of humor. In tone, although not at all in topic, it reminds me of Jenny Lawson.

Favorite moments: the incident with the Michigan Woodland Banshee, which made me laugh out loud, and the shameless plug for Michigan eLibrary resources.

Least favorite part: the story of the floating island got sidetracked by fishing and pizza and I never found out if the island was still there. I can be a shoddy reader, but I read this part twice through, and still missed it.

Full disclosure: I worked with the author for three years about ten years ago. Our interactions were mostly in passing, but even through relatively minimal contact I gathered that Will Swartz was a passionate and generous person who didn't take himself too seriously. By sharing his story here, he's confirmed all my suspicions.

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## **Emily Crow says**

DNF at 4%, which is probably a new record for me, but in this case, I couldn't get past the "disclaimer" at the beginning. There was something about the author's tone that got on my nerves, to the extent that I decided it was probably best for me not to continue to walk across Michigan with him. This note is mostly for myself,

for when I wonder some time in the future, "Hey, what was the reason I didn't read that?" I certainly don't want to discourage anyone else from trying this book. After all, I find Bill Bryson's tone to be exceedingly annoying as well, and look how popular he is!

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