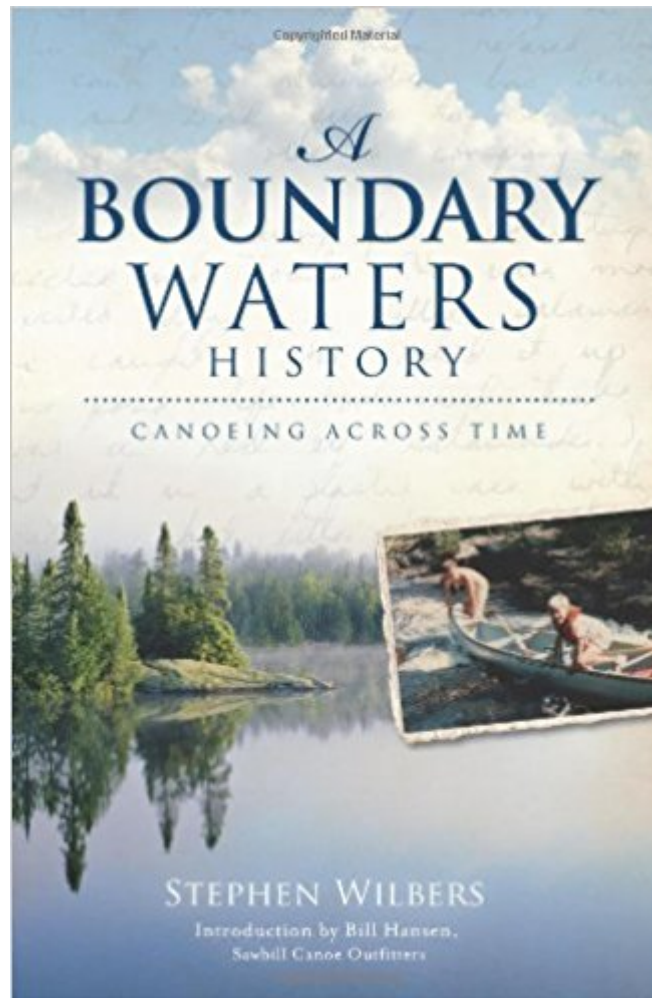




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# A Boundary Waters History: Canoeing Across Time



## Synopsis

Teasing out the history of a place celebrated for timelessnessâ•where countless paddle strokes have disappeared into clear watersâ•requires a sure and attentive hand. Stephen Wilbersâ™s account reaches back to the glaciers that first carved out the Boundary Waters and to the original inhabitants, as well as to generations of wilderness explorers, both past and present. He does so without losing the personal relationship built through a lifetime of pilgrimages (anchored by almost three decades of trips with his father). This story captures the untold broader narrative of the region, as well as a thousand different details sure to be recognized by fellow pilgrims, like the grinding rhythm of a long portage or the loon call that slips into that last moment before sleep.

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## Customer Reviews

Stephen Wilbers has published more than eight hundred columns on effective writing in the Minneapolis Star Tribune, the Orange County Register and other newspapers. He has collected some of those columns into two books, *Writing for Business* (winner of a 1994 Minnesota Book Award) and *Writing by Wilbers*. He earned his BA at Vanderbilt University and his MA and PhD at the University of Iowa, where he wrote a history of the Iowa Writersâ™ Workshop for his dissertation. He was a visiting Fulbright fellow at the University of Essex in Colchester, England. At the University of Minnesota, he directed Student Academic Support Services in the College of Liberal Arts before serving as associate director of the Program in Creative and Professional Writing. A proud member of the Loft Literary Center since 1981, Wilbers served as the Loft board chair from 2007 to 2009. He and his wife, Debbie, live in Minneapolis and have two grown children,

Eddy and Kate. For additional information, visit [www.wilbers.com](http://www.wilbers.com).

My boyfriend and I got this to take on our first trip into the boundary waters. Great stories and we found out we even ended up camping at the same site that the writer and his family did on one occasions. Really fun to read while in the boundary waters but would be good anywhere.

Fun, informative, easy read. We're planning a trip to the Boundary Waters and this was motivating.

I like a memoir that tells a good tale. Wilbers does just that. His writing is excellent, and he keeps up pulled in with his stories of canoeing with his father and other friends. I, too, in my youth canoed the Boundary Waters reularly, and reading this book gave me great pleasure. There are also several photographs. You'll love this book if you a fan of the BWCA.

Great read. Will bring back old memories and dreaming of new ones.

Have been there can't wait to read about the history.

Wasn't really a history, more like a diary. Sure, he tells you how it was legally formed but not really anything about the "history" of the area. Got tired of hearing about sunsets, paddling on the lake at dusk, etc. Also, not much of a fisherman, calls northerns show in pictures "medium", "good-sized" - anyone else would call them snakes. (Small)

A quote from the book's Foreword:... "this book is a record of nearly thirty years of canoe trips, taken almost entirely in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) Wilderness in northeastern Minnesota." Having travelled in the area a number of times, I find the writing and photographs wonderful reminders of this incomparable place.

A nice mix of the area's history mixed with personal tripping experiences. Found this to be a fast, enjoyable read.

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