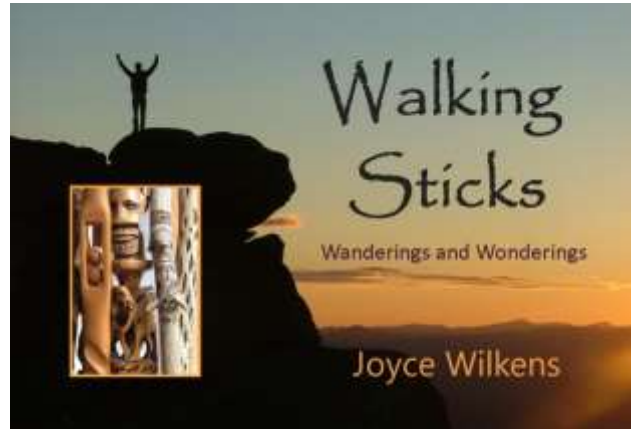


Walking Sticks: Wanderings and Wonderings



By Joyce Wilkens

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

Walking Sticks is Joyce Wilkens' second coffee table book. I especially like her clever subtitle *Wanderings and Wonderings*. This book tells the history of walking sticks around the world. Some of them are crooked, some are straight; some are perfectly carved with delicate shapes, interesting faces, or with animals sitting at their tops—one is even a snake with the top of its body looped around for a handle; and some have messages burned into them or they are painted or adorned with beadwork. They are made from many different types of wood and materials. Her book is truly a work of art with many beautiful pictures showing the sticks themselves and the locales from which they came. I enjoyed the writings and the wonderful poems, often by Joyce herself. I highly recommend this book for all. It's a great book. It made me want to get a walking stick myself—preferably one with a carved animal at its top.



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