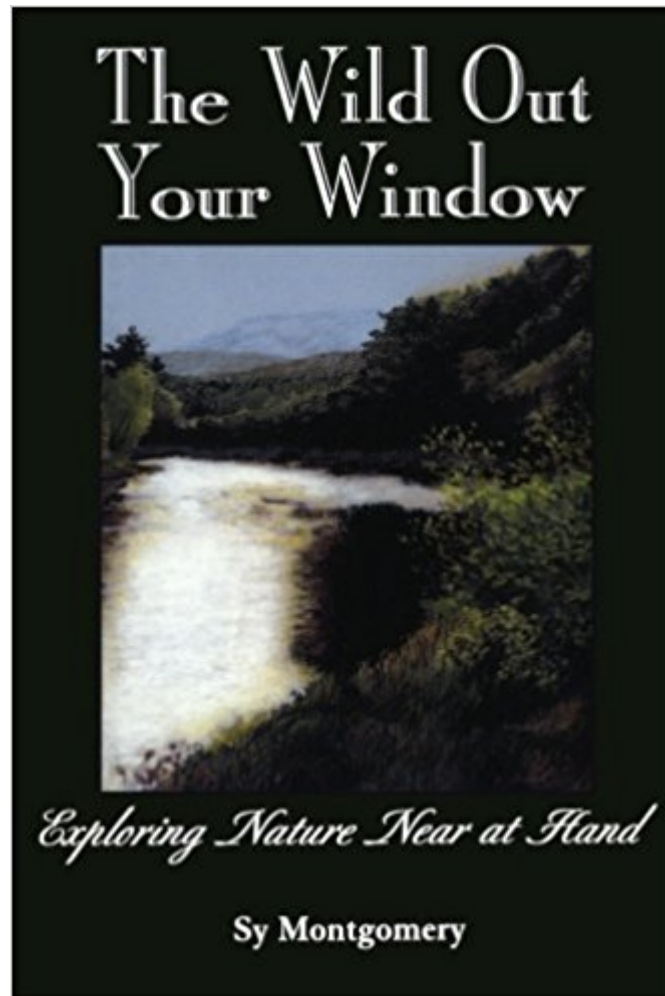




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Synopsis

What could be better than watching the natural world out your window or on your television? Going out and experiencing it firsthand. In these fifty essays, acclaimed nature and science writer Sy Montgomery takes her readers on a season-by-season tour of the wilderness that is often as close as the backyard. Sy invites â• almost dares â• readers to follow her and form hands-on relationships with the plants, animals, birds, and even the insects that share space with people. These essays, most of which originally appeared in Sy's Boston Globe column Nature Journal, are by turns enlightening, entertaining, sometimes amusing, and always absorbing and informative. Filled with natural history and lore, the essays urge readers to appreciate what they find around them.

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Customer Reviews

Nothing is commonplace about nature-even in your own backyard. It is full of sex, violence, intrigue, and mystery. Montgomery, a regular guest on National Public Radio's Living on Earth and author of Search for the Golden Moon Bear (reviewed above), offers 49 essays that examine nature in New England, from carnivorous plants to birds that impale their prey to the wonders of migration. The pieces, most of which were first published in Montgomery's Boston Globe column, "Nature's Journal," are short and entertaining, aimed at catching the reader's eye. But this is not simply popular science. Montgomery cites fascinating studies and quotes scientists searching for answers to these natural mysteries. Although most of the essays discuss a particular animal or plant, some

explore habitats, such as vernal ponds, or the microscopic life among sand grains. Others explain events such as bird irruptions, the effects of a sparse acorn year, and what happens to bugs during the winter. Everyone will learn something new from these delightful essays. Highly recommended for public libraries. Maureen J. Delaney-Lehman, Lake Superior State Univ. Lib., Sault Ste. Marie, MI Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Sy Montgomery is a writer who lives in New Hampshire.

I absolutely love this collection of short yet riveting essays about the flora and fauna of New Hampshire and the region. I really felt like it was "out my window"! I learned fascinating tidbits about how truly extraordinary creatures and plants exist and coexist. The essays are quick but alluring, and they truly make me want to go discover more! As a teacher, I will use this collection to help students appreciate the natural surroundings they so often take for granted.

I love everything she writes!

What a great collection of essays on all things nature. Sy Montgomery's engaging style of writing captures my heart. After reading this book from the library, I knew I needed to purchase my own copy to read again and again. Big recommendation for anyone who appreciates the wild out their own windows or wants to discover it for the first time.

A light very informative series of short, well written observations of wild life just outside any New England window. Sy is an astute observer who obviously is well read on the subject.

Right off let me say I'm a Sy Montgomery fan. Within this book the reader will find a seemingly endless amount of interesting information on an incredible array of topics such as moss, flowers, bird irruptions, where bugs go in winter, plants' healing poisons, canned wildlife and on and on. Of course not an in depth study but enough valid information, gleaned from reliable sources, to inform in a fashion I find exciting as well as educational. Certainly enough to entice further investigation. Frankly, I enjoy subjects presented in this fashion and if it wasn't for the not so great editing this book deserves 5 stars.

I loved reading this book because it made me more aware of what is going on around me.

Bite-sized informative glimpses of the natural world. Perfect for bedtime reading. This is my third book by Sy Montgomery, who is always engaging.

Not what i expected . Focus solely on New England. The constant reference to scientists names and their place of work distracted from the content.

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