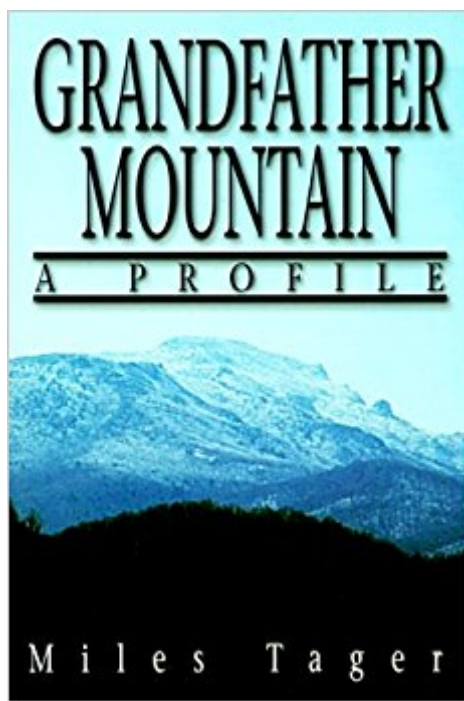


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Grandfather Mountain: A Profile



Synopsis

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Grandfather Mountain, A Profile is a short paperback, comprising some 100 pages. It provides a history and overview of this well-known mountain and privately-held park area in Western North Carolina. The author, Miles Tager, who lives in Linville Falls at the base of the Mountain, has a good understanding of geology, biology, and zoology as they apply to the region, and it appears that he has researched the history of the area in some detail. His book describes the geological processes in the early formation of the mountain in the Cambrian period some 600 million years ago, and provides insight into its development into current times. He discusses how Grandfather Mountain, located in the great Appalachian Range that traverses an area from Maine to Georgia, is now viewed by geologists. He continues in his book with a discussion of the flora and fauna found on the mountain--one of the most ecologically rich in the World located in a temperate zone-- and emphasizes the numerous animals and plants now either extinct or threatened, such as the Woods Bison, the Caribou, the Red Wolf, the Salamander and many threatened plants. In the most interesting part of his book, he provides an overview of human activity in the area, ranging through

archaic inhabitants, DeSoto's visit to the region in the 1500's, the role of the Cherokees in the region, and a fascinating discussion of the "Menlungeons", an olive-skinned, black-haired, blue-eyed, group of Portuguese from whom, according to the author, the stereotype of the Appalachian hillbilly was born. He also debunks a commonly held myth surrounding a still-viewable carving, purportedly by Daniel Boone, engraved on a tree in Wautauga county stating that "D.Boon killed a Bar 'date'" [D. Boone killed a bear].

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