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Editorial Review

Review

Praise for *The Wander Society*

“Thanks to Smith's compilation of notes, observations, and musings, readers will have no difficulty incorporating these ideas into a daily routine [and] will have a fun time away from the hubbub of modern life. . . . The amusing and informative philosophy of a hidden culture that proposes that wandering is the key to a soulful life.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“Curious and bewitching, this book serves as an antidote to modern consumer culture.” —*BookPage*

“If you are looking for a respite from a hectic, busy life and wish you had more time to think and explore the world around you, *The Wander Society* might just be able to help. . . . The philosophy is sound and inspiring, and the writing draws you in. You will find several helpful hints that will help you slow down the world around you just a little.” —*Real Style Magazine*

“*The Wander Society* truly is for everyone, and I have the feeling everyone can do with it what they want and as they please. . . . Any book that encourages a reader not only to interact with the physical item ‘book’ but also with their surroundings in a playful and creative way while walking is a good book; of which too few are being published at the moment. It is good to know that the Wander Society is out there.”
—*Elsewhere Journal*

“While Smith gathers what she has discovered of the invisible Wander Society, the unanswerable questions of *who* and *why* begin to lose their importance. Planted, instead, is the seed of an inspiring and creative way of life: one tied not to technology and societal norms, but rather married to the more romantic notions of morality, curiosity, and discovery.” —*Literary Inklings*

“As someone who has been becoming more and more disenchanted with technology and how social media seems to rule everything around us, this book couldn't have come at a more perfect time. . . . *The Wander Society* really, really struck a chord with me and was exactly the encouragement I needed to get out and do more of what I really love.” —*The Dainty Squid*

“Amazingly creative. . . . If you're a traveler like I am, this is a great gift to yourself (or another fellow traveler). Let it inspire you to let go of agendas on your next trip and just see where a path (beaten or unbeaten) will take you.” —Nancy D. Brown, *What a Trip*

“*The Wander Society* is inspiring and an act needed in our society today. It talks of slowing down, taking time, imagining, and living simply.” —*Luxury Reading*

“Part philosophical memoir, part investigative journalism, *The Wander Society* is a book unlike any I've ever read. It packs a hearty punch and truly left me inspired to go out and do some wandering of my own!” —*The Pretty Good Gatsby*

“The book is designed with an eye to portability. You can take it on your wanderings. . . . If you are inclined to or curious about wandering, I recommend *The Wander Society*.” —*The Local Ecologist*

“Different people will respond to different elements of *The Wander Society*. There are lists, there are diagrams, there are poems, there are assignments. They all encourage you towards a common goal: to let go, start wandering in your daily life, and see what happens.” —*Reading Rambo*

“There is something mysterious and deeply powerful about the ideas in this book: it deals with the exploration of not just the environment and your community, but inner exploration: an exploration of your own imagination and unconscious. . . . a fascinating and exciting book.” —*Cats and Chocolate*

“*The Wander Society* has both reaffirmed and changed the way I look at life. . . . *Solvitur ambulando!*” —*Pretty Thoughtful*

“Full of great ideas and motivations to get outside and clear your head and discover.” —*Folded Pages Distillery*

Praise for Keri Smith

“Keri Smith may well be the self-help guru this DIY generation deserves.” —*The Believer*

“A conceptual artist and author luring kids into questioning the world and appreciating every smell, texture and mystery in it.” —*TIME Magazine*

About the Author

Keri Smith is a bestselling author, illustrator, and thinker. Her books include *Wreck This Journal*, *The Wander Society*, *This is Not a Book*, *How to Be an Explorer of the World*, *Mess*, *Finish This Book*, *The Pocket Scavenger*, *Wreck This Journal Everywhere*, *Everything Is Connected*, and *The Imaginary World of...* as well as *Wreck This App*, *This is Not an App*, and the *Pocket Scavenger* app. She enjoys spending time with her husband, experimental musician Jefferson Pitcher, and two children.

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