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More days from a hill diary, 1951-80 - Scotland, Norway, Newfoundland Adam Watson In this book the author presents extracts from his hill diary in Scotland, Norway and Newfoundland, including hill-walking, rock and snow climbing, ski-mountaineering, and observing wildlife, from 1951 when he was 20. They continued through a personal exploration of hill country, often solo, until 1980. The book describes many ski-tours in Scotland, mostly alone, during 1951, the snowiest winter of the 1900s, and climbing with Tom Weir and Douglas Scott for weeks in north Norway during summer 1951, returning by trawler to Grimsby. In 1952 his enjoyment of lone ski-mountaineering and snow allowed him to study the winter ecology of ptarmigan in the Cairngorms, and in summer 1952 he led a three-man student expedition to north Norway. During April 1953 he spent a week alone on the Avalon Barrens of Newfoundland, studying willow grouse. Then he presents extracts from diary days in Scotland and Norway up to 1961, and in Scotland climbing and ski-mountaineering in 1963-80. Lastly he relates some thoughts about lone ski-tours and climbs after a lifetime's experience of them. Throughout, he writes of his joy at the beauty of nature. In his diary he caught his memories of long days on the hills, describing views, wildlife, weather, snow, companions and local folk with much enthusiasm.



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