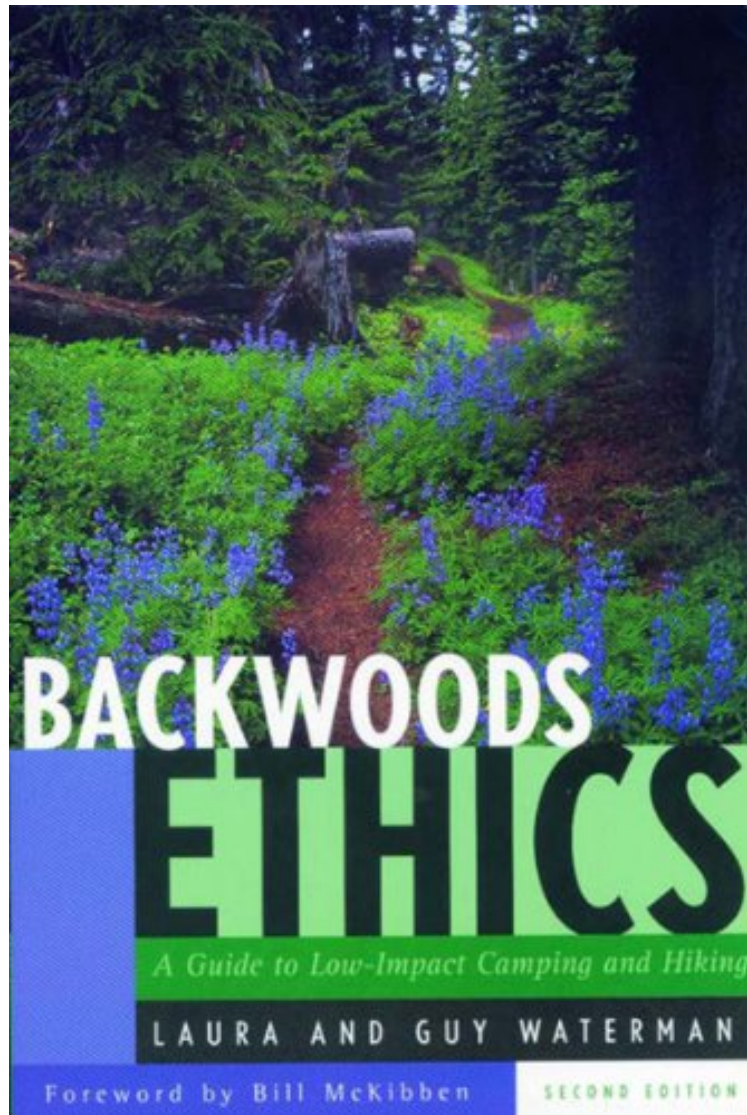


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A classic of backpacking literature. -- Backpacker A gem...a bright enjoyable book with something to say. (Tacoma News Tribune -- Tacoma News Tribune Humorous, intelligent, thoughtful and kindly...a down-to-earth guide to low-impact camping. -- Sierra About the Author Wilderness Ethics was Guy Watermans most determined and philosophical statement. He died in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Laura Waterman is co-author of several books with her husband, Guy. She lives near their original homestead in Vermont.