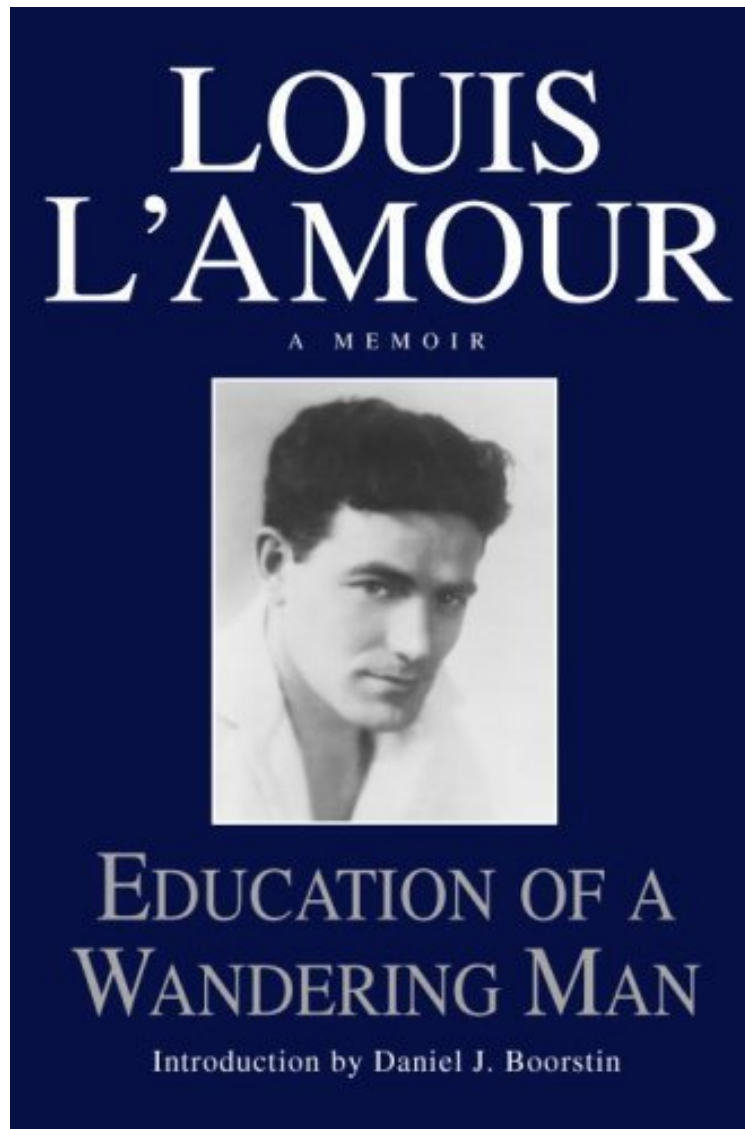


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Von Louis L'Amour : Education of a Wandering Man before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Education of a Wandering Man:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Love Affair With LifeVon Marian PowellThe Education of a Wandering Man is the story of one man's love affair with life. It is also amazingly well-written and shows Louis L'Amour to have been a thoughtful, philosophical man as well as an adventurer. Ironically, I haven't read his novels. When I tried to after reading this book, I concluded that his

autobiography is a far greater work than his novels. I suspect that's because his own life story is a far greater story than any fiction could possibly be, plus he focused mainly on the western. I really wished he had branched out into the historical novel. He started to with *The Walking Drum* but that was at the end of his life and he didn't have time to follow with more novels that would cover the history of the world. As the other reviews emphasize, he began his wanderings at the age of 15 and from then on educated himself by reading. As a special bonus, at the back of the book is a list of the books he read each year from 1930-1935. It shows how widely he cast his net. If ever you want to show a teenager why reading is important, give him this book with the reminder that Louis L'Amour was a bestselling author for most of his life. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Must-read for all Americans Von Ein Kunde This book's overall premise is that there is no single way one should live one's life. Sadly, that's a message not often repeated, especially to children and young adults. While I haven't read any of L'Amour's westerns, I found his autobiography fascinating, and a real wake-up call to me at a certain point in my life. Also, his life is as fascinating as any adventure novel. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. We are what we read. Von Ronald K. Pendleton Anyone who reads should read this book. Life is a collection of ideas that become stories for those who have a frame of reference provided by perceptive experience. The more, and more widely, a person reads the broader that frame of reference becomes thus sharpening perceptions and making life more enjoyable.

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