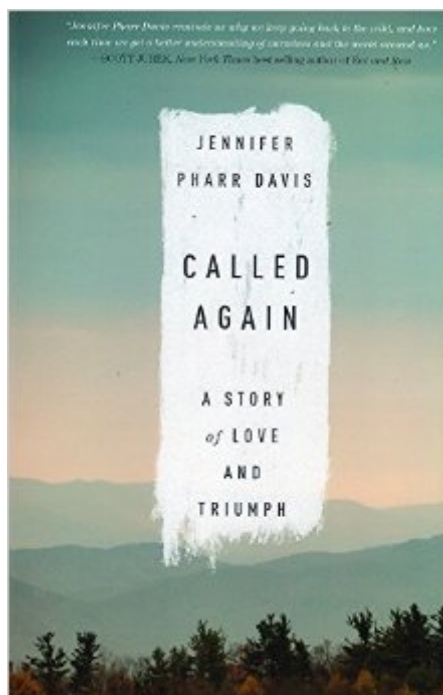


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Synopsis

History: In 2011, Jennifer Pharr Davis became the overall record holder on the Appalachian Trail. By hiking 2,181 miles in 46 days - an average of 47 miles per day - she became the first female to ever set that mark. But this is not a book about records or numbers; this is a book about endurance and faith, and most of all love. The most amazing part of this story is not found at the finish, but is discovered through the many challenges, lessons and relationships that present themselves along the trail. This is Jennifer's story, in her own words, about how she started this journey with a love for hiking and more significantly a love for her husband Brew. Together, they were able to overcome rugged mountains and raging rivers, sleet storms and 100 degree heat, shin-splints and illnesses. They made new friends and tested old friendships; they shared together laughter, and tears - a lot of tears. But, through it all, they fell more in love with one another and with the wilderness. By completing this extraordinary amateur feat, Jennifer rose above the culture of multi-million dollar sports contracts that is marked by shortcuts and steroids. This is the story of a real person doing something remarkable. Jennifer Pharr Davis is a modern role-model for women, and men. She is an authentic hero.

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A remarkable adventure story and a mind-boggling athletic feat. Having hiked the Trail myself, I can appreciate the author's accomplishment: I got out my trail journal and discovered that each day that she describes generally corresponds to about four days of "normal" hiking. Some people look askance at attempts at speed records on the trail; Warren Doyle, the author's mentor, is a rather

controversial figure. But (for many of us, at least) the AT is an opportunity for challenge. For me, just completing it was challenge enough; for the author, the challenge took the form of a record-setting time. This isn't a book just for people interested in the Appalachian Trail. The author's description of her spiritual and emotional feelings will resonate with anyone. And she doesn't present herself as a plaster saint: she gets grouchy at times (as who wouldn't, after hiking a sixty-mile day, or when being confronted by an importunate paparazzo!) My partner (an occasional hiker and frequent one-man support crew) clipped out a cartoon from The New Yorker a while back and it's on our refrigerator door: two hikers are in the woods and one says to the other "It's a good thing this is a leisure-time activity, because you couldn't pay me to do it." Yes, indeed! As Ms. Davis says (p. 177): "I may not be having fun, but I feel a sense of joy and purpose. When things are this difficult it causes you to change and grow." People hike the trail for various reasons: to get in touch with nature, for a 2000-mile party, or for a personal challenge.

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