



Early Reviews of *Along the Templar Trail: Seven Million Steps for Peace* by Brandon Wilson

"*Along the Templar Trail* is a vivid and eye-opening blend of history, adventure, religion, mysticism and modern conflict... It is simply one of the most remarkable adventure stories of our time, and one that proves that with the right combination of character and determination great things can be done, and the eyes of the world can be opened." ~ **Richard Bangs, adventurer, author/host of the PBS television series *Richard Bangs' Adventures With Purpose*, co-founder Mountain Travel Sobek**

"A fascinating testimony of faith and gumption that inspired two men to take seven million steps for peace. A must read..." ~ **Arun Gandhi, president, M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, University of Rochester, NY**

"More than the mere adventure of two brave men, it is a grand and noble quest for peace, as well as a spiritual voyage that will leave readers emotionally and intellectually replenished... I immensely enjoyed reading this book. His writing combines a marvelous sense of Zen with good humor, and his personal style makes you feel as if you were there taking part in it all." ~ **Mayra Calvani, reviewer, Boston Globe/MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW**

"If we want peace on earth, we must make the effort to embody peace with each step. Brandon Wilson's inspiring journey, told beautifully in this book, is a living example of peacemaking." ~ **Cindy Sheehan, peace activist**

"Brandon Wilson is strictly fast-forward in his exhilarating *Along The Templar Trail: Seven Million Steps for Peace*. He movingly describes the divorce between power politics and ordinary Arabs and Israelis: the "wall," the threat of war and the hope for peace dominated their conversation. Wilson's remarkably attractive account will galvanize couch potatoes..." ~ **ForeWord Magazine**

"A rhapsody on the theme of pilgrimage. May Brandon Wilson's goal of fostering peace along the glory roads of the world inspire a trail of pilgrims to create their own sacred journeys in the interest of world peace." ~ **Phil Cousineau, author of *The Art of Pilgrimage* and *The Book of Roads***

"Written from the soul and salted in wisdom, Brandon Wilson's third adventure takes him and his companion along a centuries-old road haunted by the specter of war. Their walk for peace deepens both Wilson's awareness of the chaos of the past and his keen sense of the present, even as he faces an uncertain, potentially violent future. Rich with descriptive detail, replete with humor and never lacking in the life-altering experiences of his previous journeys, *Along The Templar Trail* is arguably Wilson's most personal, passionate book yet – a resolute plea for compassion in an often intolerant world and a testament to the healing power of history." ~ **C.W. Gortner, author of *The Last Queen***

"A travel lodestone – a magical quest, a warts-and-all journey... Written with a sure touch, an appreciation of life's palaces and potholes, and an eye for the combinations of the real and the ridiculous that is unerring (plus a sense of humor which is always another name for a sense of proportion), this is a special book hovering above its obvious travel-shelf slot into a spot of its own." ~ **Marilis Hornidge, *Courier-Gazette*, Maine**

"The vivid prose and passion for adventure makes this book an exciting read... I love how Wilson captures the essence of any time or place and how he weaves together the story of his journey... You can live vicariously,

although I must say I am more inspired than ever to walk each day." (5 stars) ~ **Rebecca Johnson, *The Rebecca Review*, Amazon Top 10 Reviewer**

"*Along the Templar Trail* writes the message in brilliant, even blazing letters: Peace and prosperity are undeniably possible, and they can come in our time...for all time. If only a few more ordinary mortals had the will and fortitude of this author, we would live in a very different world." (5 shakas) ~ **Joseph W. Bean, Book Reviewer, *Maui Weekly***

"This is a book of passion and courage: it tells the truth regardless of repercussions... But also, this is a lighthearted book of humor and gentleness... Whether you dream of following him or not, you will be inspired and warmed by reading about his journey." ~ **Dr. Bob Rich, award-winning Australian author**

"Brandon Wilson has outdone himself with *Along the Templar Trail*. I'm a fast reader, but I immediately realized this is one of those books you slow down and pace yourself like a pilgrim, because the wonder is in the journey... Take your time with this book. Savor every step. Brandon is at his best ever in *Templar Trail*, a truly heartwarming story of dedication, hope and love." ~ **Andy O'Hara, author of *The Swan: Tales of the Sacramento Valley***

"Along the Templar Trail is a timely, important book—a must read for every American. This is a first step to fostering peace and eliminating the root cause of war. Thought provoking, engaging and inspirational, this is a great read." ~ **Richard R. Blake, Christian Education Consultant**

"Another fascinating book about the author's amazing treks across continents... This book is a MUST READ for his amazing determination and fortitude and dedication to his mission. I highly recommend it!" ~ **Bonnie Neely, *RealTravelAdventures.com***

"Written from the soul and in thoughtful, clever, and humorous style. In Wilson's own words, this is about a "...fellowship shared between pilgrims--those who travel with their feet--and those who join us with their hearts." This is the heartwarming story of an incredible pilgrimage, and it is impossible not to be touched by vision of peace and humanitarianism at the heart of this journey." ~ **Zsuzsana Summer, author of *The Now Age: Demystifying Spirituality, the New Age and the Metaphysical***

"A fascinating tale of how one man experienced a trip through a diverse number of countries and yet found more similarities between people than differences." ~ **Anna Weaver, *Hawaii Catholic Herald***

"A unique journey that sweeps you along with vibrant energy, day-to-day adventure, hopeful encounters with "angels" and a longing for peace that breaks down boundaries and unites us all as members of the same human family." ~ **Rick Chatenever, Entertainment & Features Editor, *The Maui News (HI)***