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A book for all people. And all who read it will be changed by the experience.

". . . an extraordinary book. . . I would commend it to everybody." Terry Lane, ABC Radio

The Journey is a story of young people in a world so different and yet so like our own. It is a world in which young people must undertake a journey of discovery on their way to becoming adults.

Fourteen-year-old Argus sets out on his journey away from his valley and his parents, never knowing what adventure will befall him next. He learns how to survive in the wild until he meets with a travelling fair, which he joins, becoming a friend of Mayon the storyteller, of Lavolta and Parara - twins who share the same body - and many others.

But it is with the sweet and wise Temora that he learns some of the deepest secrets.

All journeys must find an end. Argus leaves the fair and travels on alone, until his last and greatest adventure beckons him home. There he tells, for the approval of his elders, the seven stories which are now his story. But all is not done.

There is one more chapter to be lived out in the story of Argus.

Fans of Veronica Roth, Suzanne Collins and John Flanagan will love John Marsden.

The Journey Details

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Anne says

This book is one that has stayed with me for years, it resonated with me so strongly at the time. I think I was in my early to mid teens when I read this and I am so glad I found it.

James Savill says

I can't believe this story isn't more highly rated on Goodreads.

It's a delightful story that's so well written. I liked the writing even more than the authors, Tommorow When The War Began, which is also very good.

The story follows that journey of a boy who must leave home and experience life. His task is to return home with seven stories from his journey.

I couldn't help compare this story with The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. Both are great reads.

Maggiieg says

A short book about a boy's rite of passage to manhood. Contains lots of truths.

A.B. Shepherd says

This book was not really my style. Interestingly written story of a young man's journey to maturity. He must come home with seven stories that prove he has learned what it means to be a man. I'm not a fan of stories that you have to decipher to find the meaning, which is why this book isn't really my style, but it was a good tale.

Sally says

THIS was the book that we all hid behind the stacks in the library reading in year 8, a little group of us, because of the scene where the guy masturbates on a hill or something. SO NAUGHTY OMG! It served three giggling 13-year-olds very well indeed ;) The rest of the book I did try to read once, but could never get into. I guess a guy's journey just wasn't that interesting to me back then, and I doubt I'll ever pick it up for another try.

Maggie says

very very teenage fiction which is a disappointment for me as I enjoyed Marsden's War series as an adult. But this book is aimed at teenagers, so I cant be surprised

Ninja says

Pretty good coming of age novel - I didn't realise until partway through that I'd actually read it many many years ago.

Emma Astill says

Every teenager should have to read this book. In year 9 it was read to my class by our English teacher and every student in the class sat silent and soaked in every word!

Simone says

Read as a teenager growing up. I recommend for a growing teenage who is not really knowing what life is all about yet.

Kathryn says

I'm just not sure I got much out of it...

You see; it's an emotional and spiritual journey into becoming an adult in the guise of a physical traipse through the landscape.

Eh; not my cup of tea.

Yvette Adams says

A coming-of-age novel. A boy on a journey. A boy jerking off. Now THAT seemed to come out of nowhere (no pun intended).

By the author of the Tomorrow series. This reminded me of The Alchemist, without the bits i didn't like.

This is my first Marsden book and i liked his writing. i think I'll enjoy The Tomorrow series.

Blake says

1.I decided to read this book because my friend recommended it to me and said it was a good book 2.I found the setting of this book really interesting through out the story as it was set mostly on a farm and even though it was a globe of 6 billion people he always felt secluded and it was set as if it was only him in the world. 3."this World is just a sphere ready for exploring" I liked this quote because it relates to this book so well like as life is just a journey that we were chosen for. 4.This Story makes you think about how much of the earth you haven't seen and it makes you realise how small you are in the universe. I know, Deep
