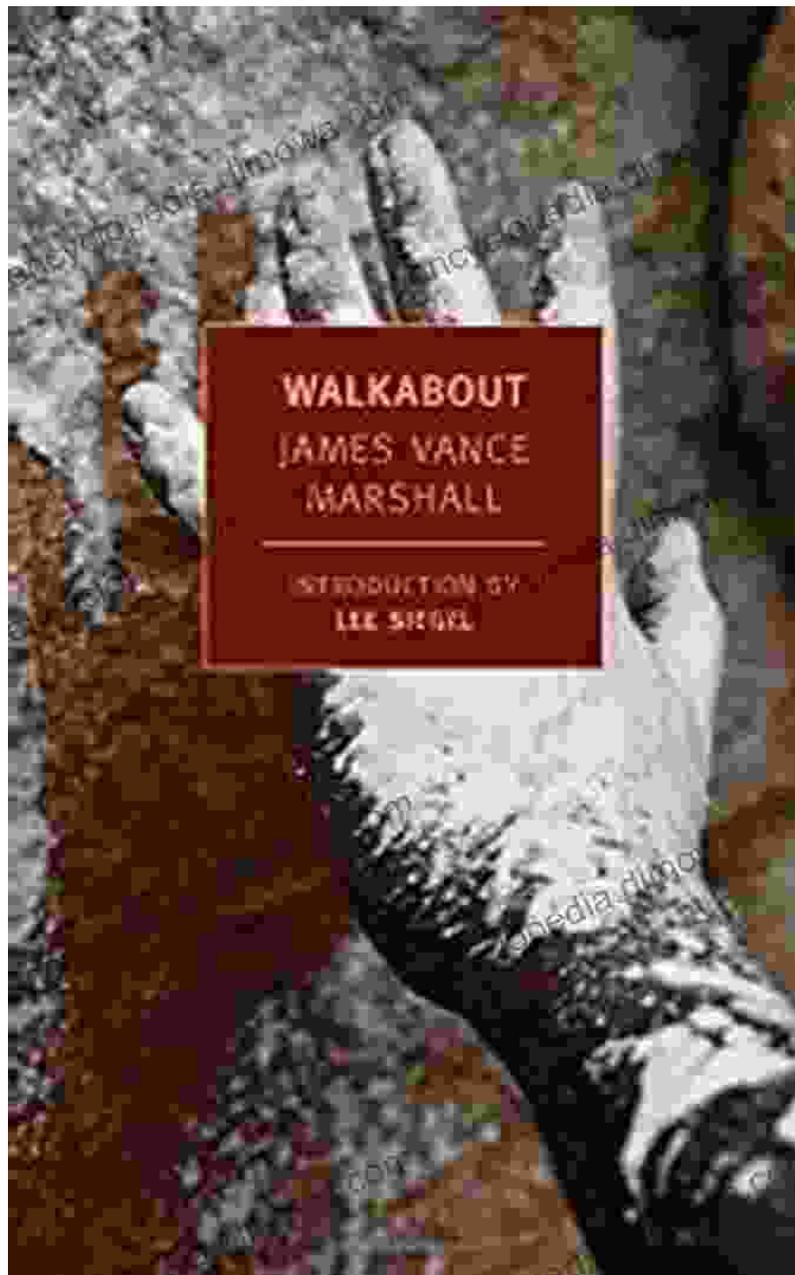


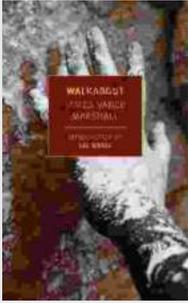
# Walkabout New York: Uncovering the Essence of the City

A Journey into the Heart of the Big Apple



**Walkabout (New York Review Books Classics)**

by James Vance Marshall



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In the realm of travel literature, few works have captured the spirit and soul of a city as vividly as David Lowenthal's "Walkabout New York." First published in 1962, this iconic book has endured as a classic, providing readers with an unforgettable journey into the heart of the Big Apple.

Lowenthal, a renowned geographer and cultural anthropologist, embarked on an extended walkabout through New York City, immersing himself in the rhythms, textures, and complexities of the metropolis. Through his keen observations and evocative prose, he paints a vibrant portrait of the city's diverse neighborhoods, its iconic landmarks, and its hidden corners.

### **Exploring the City's Layers and Contrasts**

Lowenthal's walkabout takes us through the bustling streets of Manhattan, the ethnic enclaves of Brooklyn, the tranquil parks of Queens, and the vibrant neighborhoods of the Bronx. Along the way, he encounters a rich tapestry of characters, from street vendors and taxi drivers to artists, immigrants, and lifelong New Yorkers.

His writing captures the city's layered history, its immigrant roots, and its ever-changing character. He explores the contrasts between the grand

avenues and the gritty backstreets, the towering skyscrapers and the cozy brownstones, the cultural melting pots and the pockets of isolation.

### **Capturing the City's Soul Through Photography**

Complementing Lowenthal's vivid prose is a collection of stunning black-and-white photographs by John Cohen. These images offer a glimpse into the city's hidden life, capturing the faces, places, and moments that define its unique character.

Cohen's photographs transport us to the bustling garment district, the quiet streets of Greenwich Village, the crowded subway cars, and the tranquil beauty of Central Park. They provide a visual counterpoint to Lowenthal's writing, deepening our understanding of the city's myriad dimensions.

### **A Call to Explore and Discover**

More than a mere travel guide, "Walkabout New York" is an invitation to explore the city with fresh eyes and an open heart. Lowenthal encourages readers to wander, to get lost, to engage with the people and places that make New York City so captivating.

He reminds us that true discovery comes not through following a prescribed path, but through embracing the serendipity and spontaneity of the walkabout. By opening ourselves up to the city's endless possibilities, we can unlock its hidden wonders and experience the true essence of the metropolis.

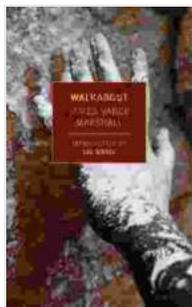
### **A Timeless Classic for the Modern Traveler**

Nearly sixty years after its initial publication, "Walkabout New York" remains an essential read for anyone interested in exploring the complexities and

wonders of the Big Apple. Its timeless insights, evocative prose, and stunning photographs continue to inspire and enchant readers of all generations.

Whether you are a lifelong resident of New York City or a first-time visitor, "Walkabout New York" is an indispensable companion that will guide you on an unforgettable journey into the heart of this iconic metropolis.

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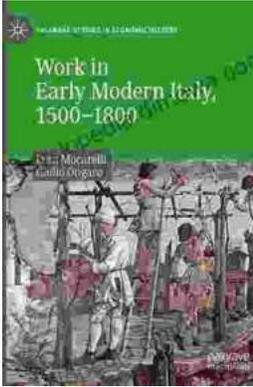
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