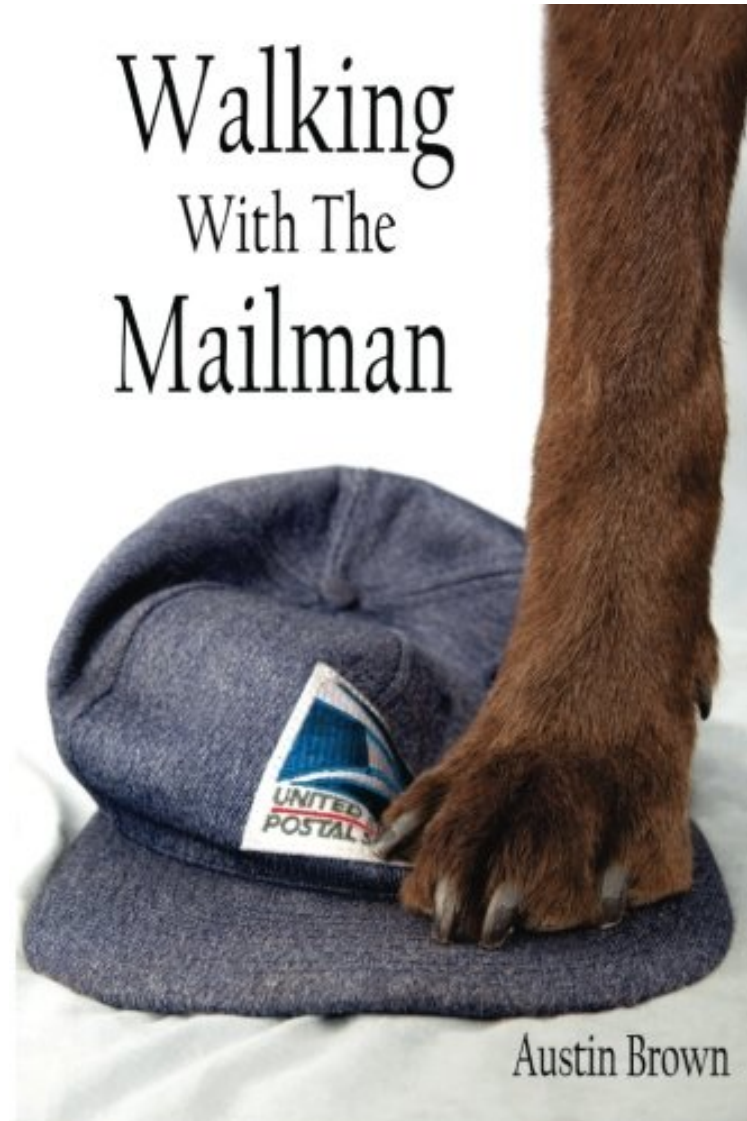


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Give it a tryBy Julie Ann FullerAm reading this now....it's OK. Not riveting but holds my attention enough. Each chapter is like an anecdote from his time as a mail carrier. There are some chapters I chuckle at and some I just read through.As I say in every book review though...book and author preferences are extremely personal. We all have such different taste. I think it will be one I delete off of my kindle

after I read it...not one I will keep around to read again.For the low price...why not. Give it a try.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A delightful read!By KarenSeveral years ago, I bought a house in an older neighborhood... the kind of neighborhood where the mailman walks his route and delivers mail to boxes mounted on houses (rather than street-side mailboxes). I quickly learned there's one person who knows *everything* about the neighborhood: The mailman!Austin Brown shares his "day in the life of a mailman" experiences with humor and kindness: From the aggressive dog whose owner swears it won't bite, to older residents who fret over his well-being when he misses a day on his route, to the antics of his more experienced colleagues. He mentions what he sees on his route: Children grow up, older residents become ill, tragedies that can befall the residents, and because of his role as their mailman, "feels a measure of their pain."I thoroughly enjoyed *Walking With The Mailman*, and highly recommend it. It gave me insights into my mailman's experiences and an even greater respect for his role in our neighborhood.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Really Fun Read.By M. TreeseIt looks like an easy enough job, but Austin Brown gives you the inside story. Since it has been a few years since I walked a mail route this book brought back many memories. The greatest job in the world on a bright spring day, but you feel like you need your head examined on a day with freezing rain coming down. "He doesn't bite", I heard that after each of the times I was dog bitten. I think any letter carrier has plenty of stories they could tell and Austin Brown does a great job telling his especially as they relate to dogs. The good, the bad and all the in between parts of the job are laid out in this book. Everyone should be able to relate to this tale since we are all customers of the Postal Service. Do yourself a favor and find out what your mailman really goes through. After you finish reading this book everytime you see a mailman it will bring a little smile to your face.

Like the contents of a fragile parcel, the mysteries of postal life have at last been shattered, revealing the inner workings in all their brilliant glory! No longer will men and women have to imagine what it's like walking from lawn to lawn, continually stepping over doggy landmines for hours on end! It's all right here! In a style that's decidedly humorous, not encyclopedic, quirky, but not in need of psychiatric care, letter carrier, Austin Brown, recounts fifteen years of postal life as a mailman. Writing with obvious delight and a firm grin, the idiosyncrasies of American culture are illuminated in a fresh and entertaining way. Against this backdrop, the reader follows his life as a young letter carrier trekking along the sidewalks of Indiana, at first quite green- terribly green- but in time growing in maturity, learning the secret arts of blue collar survival amid a land where the average citizen roams wild, unhindered and real. Tempests are battled. Frothy-mouthed dogs are wrestled. Mobs of sticky children are overcome. And wild-eyed Postmasters are evaded. Step into a world not unlike a Norman Rockwell painting, but one where the neighborhood dog is firmly latched on the mailman's leg.