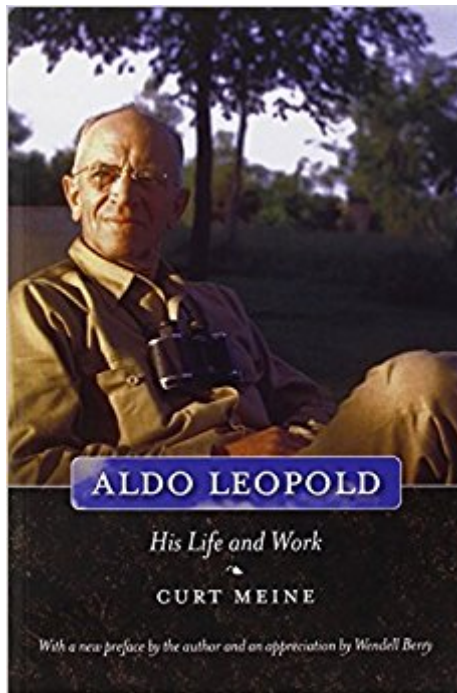




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This biography of Aldo Leopold follows him from his childhood as a precocious naturalist to his profoundly influential role in the development of conservation and modern environmentalism in the United States. This edition includes a new preface by author Curt Meine and an appreciation by acclaimed Kentucky writer and farmer Wendell Berry.

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“At this time no writer is better situated in place or time than Meine to understand and to put into practice Leopold’s ideas about man and nature. . .

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I enjoyed reading this book immensely (although it took awhile!) and found myself thoroughly immersed in Leopold's life, his influences, and his evolving thoughts on humanity's dealings with the natural world. This is a must-read for anyone who wants to truly understand Leopold's land ethic; it is often taught in philosophy classes, but usually only by focusing on the one essay in the *Sand County Almanac*, and that's misleading. It's also a must-read for anyone who wants to read about a thoughtful man whose life was dedicated to his work and his family, who managed to do an amazing amount of things in the course of his lifetime and essentially create the field of wildlife management, not to mention inspire the field of conservation biology. Leopold is often quoted and often referenced; this book gives you the man and the story behind those tidbits.

I am writing a biography of another leader in the environmental movement, John S. Apperson, Jr. (1878-1963, so I was really pleased to find this. I also found a biography of Benton MacKaye, who founded the Appalachian Trail. It is important to understand how the lives of these three contemporaries intertwined and overlapped. It provides a great dose of intellectual history!

I have never read any treatment of Leopold that brought out the riches of his life and thought so well--insights about the land, of course, but also about people, institutions and progress. This biography was most enjoyable, deeply moving and powerfully educational.

Haven't finish yet, 529 pages, however got sidetracked by *A Sand County Almanac* - Aldo Leopold That's the magical book.

Aldo Leopold did so much for conservation efforts in the United States and Curt Meine did well to present not only Leopold's professional contributions but Meine also provides readers with good

insights into Leopold the man. This is a fine read about a truly wonderful human being.

This is an extremely well-written informative biography about one of the giants of ecology and nature conservation.

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