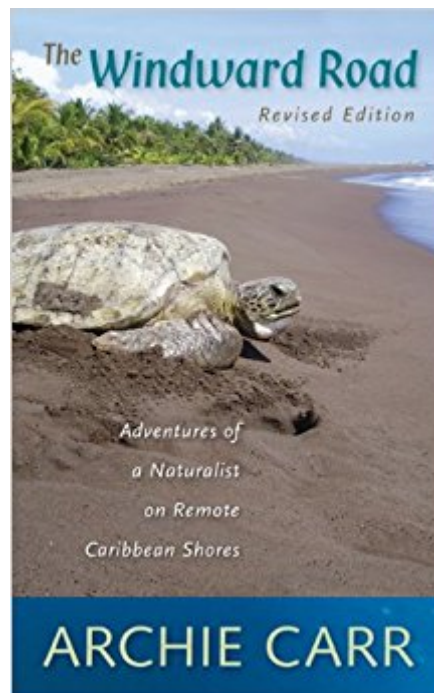




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# The Windward Road: Adventures Of A Naturalist On Remote Caribbean Shores



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A great book on the beginnings of sea turtle conservation! Through his personal anecdotes, Archie Carr (the father of sea turtle conservation and founder of what is now STC-- Sea Turtle Conservancy) takes us back to his travels around the Caribbean and his search for the green sea turtle. His conversations and interactions with the locals give us insight as to how these turtles sustained the lives of the locals (both by providing work and food) from the places he visited and makes us understand how this inspired Carr to protect sea turtles from going extinct. Overall, a great read for anyone interested in conservation!

What a lovely book, and what a lovely way to escape from the dreary lives most of us are condemned to live! I say that somewhat in jest. Archie Carr was a dedicated professional who in this book sought to capture the romance of the scientific life, while scraping up dollars from funding agencies, waiting for fly-by-night Caribbean airlines to stanch oil leaks in their single engine aircraft, wondering where the support for the next field trip would come from, and in the field always living in primitive and less than comfortable conditions. All these hardships and adventures were dedicated to the daunting task of learning more about the global wanderings of sea turtles and helping to improve prospects for their uncertain future. Perhaps he enjoyed some of it, but mostly he valued it and wanted to inculcate in readers the value he found in striving and learning as a way of helping to secure the future for the creatures we value and for all of us. As a scientist and author, I admire his writing, but I'm hoping that his experiences are not altogether unique and that others of us can capture the magic he offered up to us. There's a wonderful world out there, and if Archie can help us to find it for ourselves, he's done a great service to mankind (and to science).

Archie Carr is my hero. He personally convinced the govt. of Costa Rica to stop renting each mile of sea turtle nesting beaches to turtle hunters and to establish Tortuguero National Park. He wandered around the Caribbean looking for turtle nesting sites and trying to figure out the sea turtle life cycle. He tells wonderful stories and interviews local people. Too often PhD scientists don't believe local hunters without advanced college degrees can know much about the animals they work with every day. And he writes very well.

A beautifully written account that brings personal post colonial relations, and life experiences, alive for the reader. The claimed political point about mimicry was weak for me, confined to a statement or two, but still a hugely enjoyable read.

I love this book! I found it to be both very informative and, at times, sidesittingly funny.- in short-very readable!!

The hand of the creator is captured in this book. Hard to believe it is 60 years old and as poignant as ever.

A GREAT read for anyone interested in sea turtle conservation. First hand accounts take you to central America and provide insight on native traditions.

Archie Carr rates with Rachel Carson as the real pathfinder for environmental consciousness. In addition to his impeccable scientific credentials, he is a wonderful writer. For people who live in the North, nothing combats the mid-winter blues better than spending an hour or two with Archie Carr along the Windward road

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