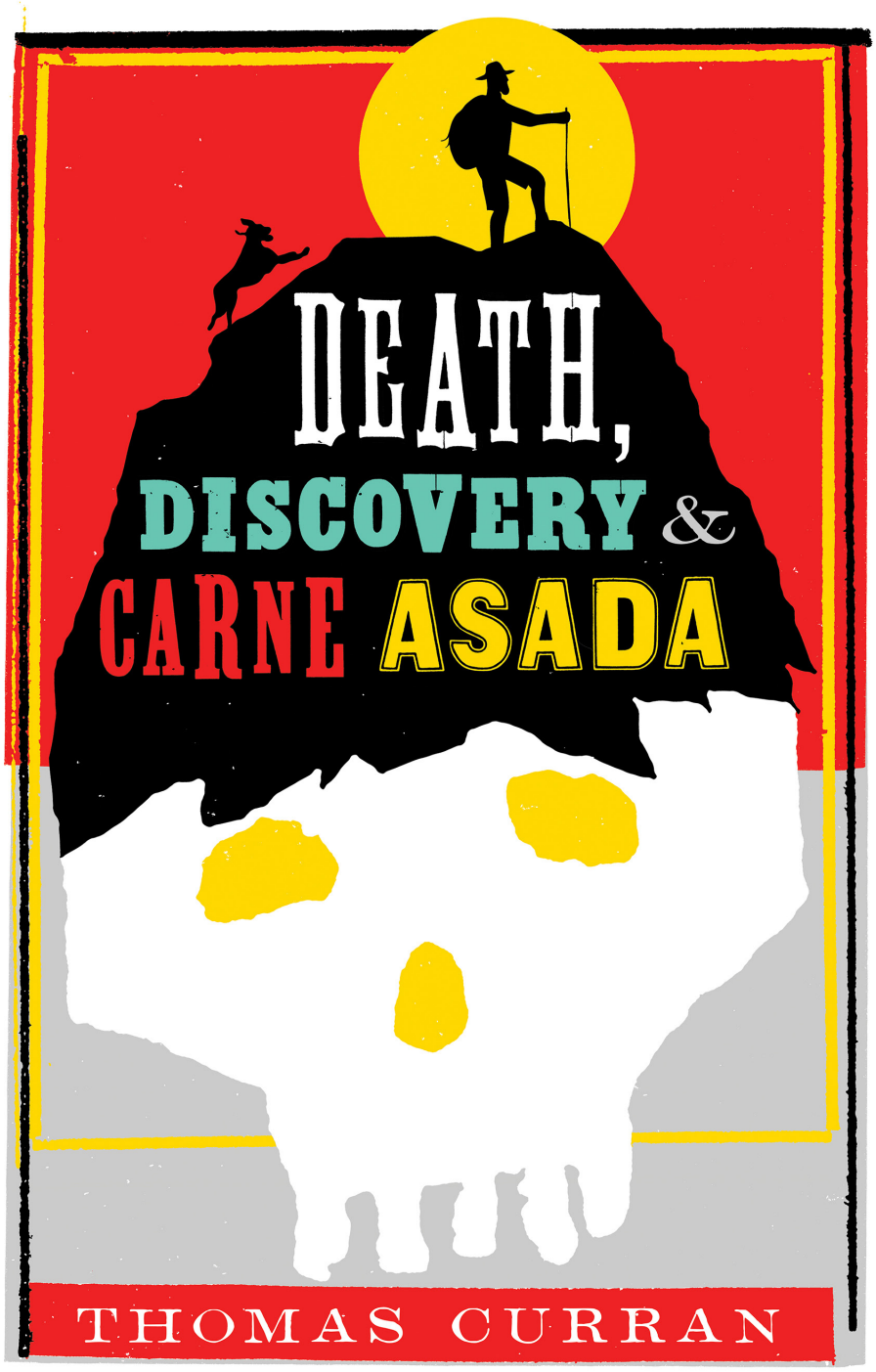
DEATH,
DISCOVERY &
CARNE ASADA
THOMAS CURRAN

01 Author Biography

Chef turned trans-continental walker turned author.

Thomas Curran is a father, chef, author, artist, and trans-continental walker. For his 50th birthday, Thomas rescued a dog named Wink, flew to the east coast and walked home -- 3,235 miles across America from the Atlantic to the Pacific. His son, Holden, lives in North Carolina and walked his first day with him. During his journey, Thomas raised $21,220 for the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation. This book was written most nights in his tent, a stranger's home or super cheap motel. Thomas and Wink live in Costa Mesa, CA where he is working on his second novel.

To find out more information, please visit his website at:

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02 Book Details

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I didn't plan on killing people when I walked across America.

I made a list of things I wanted to do, and murder was not on it.

Yes, I killed people. A lot of people.

Now I'm going to tell you a story, a (somewhat) true story, about two killers and a hunting adventure like no other. A story of a man whose entire life was turned upside-down by a frozen, floating head and balls and a woman he'd never slept with. A story of a man so broken he rescued a dog and set out across America on foot to mend his soul and hunt that bitch down. A story of death, discovery, and carne asada. A story that should never, ever, encourage you to walk across America.

However, if it does, for some sick reason, inspire you to lace up some sneakers and attempt to do what only a dozen or so people accomplish each year, I'll throw in some pointers to help you out.

I am a murderer, but I am also a giver.

"Everyone who walks across America writes a book, but this is by far the most bizarre and most fun of the cross-country hike memoirs. I think that it's satire meant to poke fun at modern ideas of masculinity, but it's also possible that Curran has just murdered a lot of people." – **Tyler Coulson, author of By Men or By The Earth and How To Walk Across America and Not Be An Asshole**

03 Chapter Excerpt

EXCERPTED FROM THE WALK - FEBRUARY - FIRST BLOOD

I felt his hot blood pool over my chest, and my hand was warm and wet. I was still holding the handle, but the entire eight-inch blade was fully embedded somewhere in his gut. He was heavy, his body was going into spasm, and it was hard to get him off of me in my condition. I looked over at Wink, who was completely wrapped up in his leash and nearly immobile because of it. He wasn't barking at all now. He was calm, looking at me with his big, sad puppy dog eyes like he knew something horrible had just happened. He was trying to tell me he loved me, he understood and that everything would be OK. It was on the side of that rain-soaked road where, with a dying man collapsed on top of me, I fell in love with Wink. We would be together forever, and we would hunt.

Mr. Boot didn't die like they do in the movies. Blood didn't spurt out of his mouth, and it seemed to take forever. I just laid there with him on top of me. We looked at each other a few times, and we both knew that he was going to die under those grey clouds that were soaking our bones. I knew he was in pain, and his eyes told me that he had regret. He almost looked like he wanted to apologize. I hated him, but he was a human being, and he was suffering. His breath was heavy and hot and smelled of stale cigarettes, coffee, and halitosis. I winked at him and yanked that knife up as high as my strength would allow hoping to hit his heart and put him out of his misery. He gasped in pain and then died a few seconds later, staring at me with a tear slowly creeping out of his eye. I rolled him off of me, pulled my knife out of his chest, and watched the blood pool beneath him. I stood over him for a few minutes. I wasn't wondering what I should do or whom I should call, and I didn't even consider running. I stood there, holding a huge, bloody knife in one hand and my stun gun in the other, and I watched him be dead.

I felt like fucking Superman.

I should have felt horrible for taking another person's last breath, but I didn't. I mean, I didn't like what had just happened, but it made me feel invincible. Powerful. Like no man I had ever felt like before. I looked at Wink, and he looked at me and said, "Hey. Are you OK?"

Me: ""Yeah, you?"

Wink: "I'm good. We're gonna be OK."

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Story Ideas

01 *Chef, Trans-Continental Walker and... Murderer?*

02 *Trans-Continental Walker Turned Killer*

03 *Man Kills To Walk Across America*

04 *Murderer Hunter/Walker Turned Killer*

05 *The (Somewhat) True Story of a Chef and His Dog Walking Across the US to Seek Out Revenge*

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Sample Interview Questions

01 *Where is the line between fiction and non-fiction in your book and did you ever cross it on your walk?*

02 *What made you decide to write a murder mystery and not a memoir?*

03 *Is there a real "Rosie" out there somewhere?*

04 *What are some of your real life relationships with some of your characters like Lindsay, Rosie, Erika, Annie, Jesse and Johnny?*

05 *Did your friend and fellow trans-continental walker, Lindsay, know the significant role she would play in your book?*

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06 *You wrote a lot about the compassion you received from strangers along your journey. Can you tell me more about them and how it made you feel?*

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07 *Tell me the real story of that day in May when you and Lindsay dodged not only a bullet, but also a tornado.*

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08 *What was your relationship like with Wink on the road and what role did he play?*

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09 *Is there a 2nd book in the works and, if so, are you going on another long walk for inspiration?*

06 Main Characters

Thomas – Me. Single chef, divorced twice, father, restaurant/bar owner down on life when he loses everything. Going through rediscovery and some revenge.

Annie – (Kennedy Quinn Rose turns out to be her real name) Line cook who commits murder and flees. Thomas is hunting her down. Sad past as child raised in the south in abusive trailer park environment.

Jesse – Line cook who is murdered by Annie.

Peggy Sue – Annie's mother, bartender in small town America

Johnny – Private Investigator, old friend of Thomas

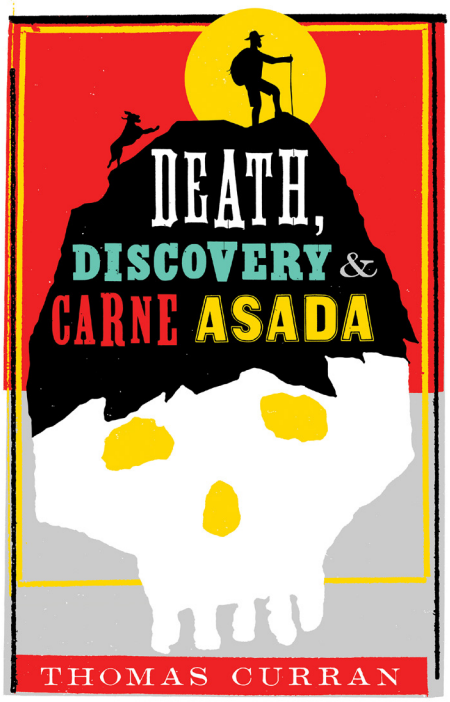
Rosie – Woman Thomas meets and kinda likes. End is left open to possibly going to find her

07 Target Audience

READERS OF MURDER MYSTERIES AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Those who enjoy thrilling, adventure-filled murder mysteries will take pleasure in reading this story about a broken man who sets off to walk across the US with a rescue dog and a plan for revenge.

08 Downloadable Cover Image



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