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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Thresholds Environmentalists across the gamut of movements widely quote Henry David Thoreau s writings in the service of a call to ecological action. In Wildness is the preservation of the world - a dipped quote from the short essay Walking - has become a rallying call to ethical stewardship, management, and preservation of some ill defined nature. This reading of Thoreau fundamentally misappropriates his definition of wildness and the spirit in which he uses the word. It confuses wildness with wilderness and assumes an allegiance to an objective environmentalist end. In fact. Thoreau s ideas are more in concordance with the concept of the rhizome, smooth space, and nomadism as proposed by Gilles Deleuze and Felix Guattari. Thoreau s writing deserves a place in modern discourse in the hope that his wildness may reveal a method for reading, writing, and understanding nature and the cultural landscape. This wildness, a form of extreme self-consciousness, requires what Peter Fritzell calls a tolerance for ambiguity that is very difficult to sustain. It is, in essence, a dedication...



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