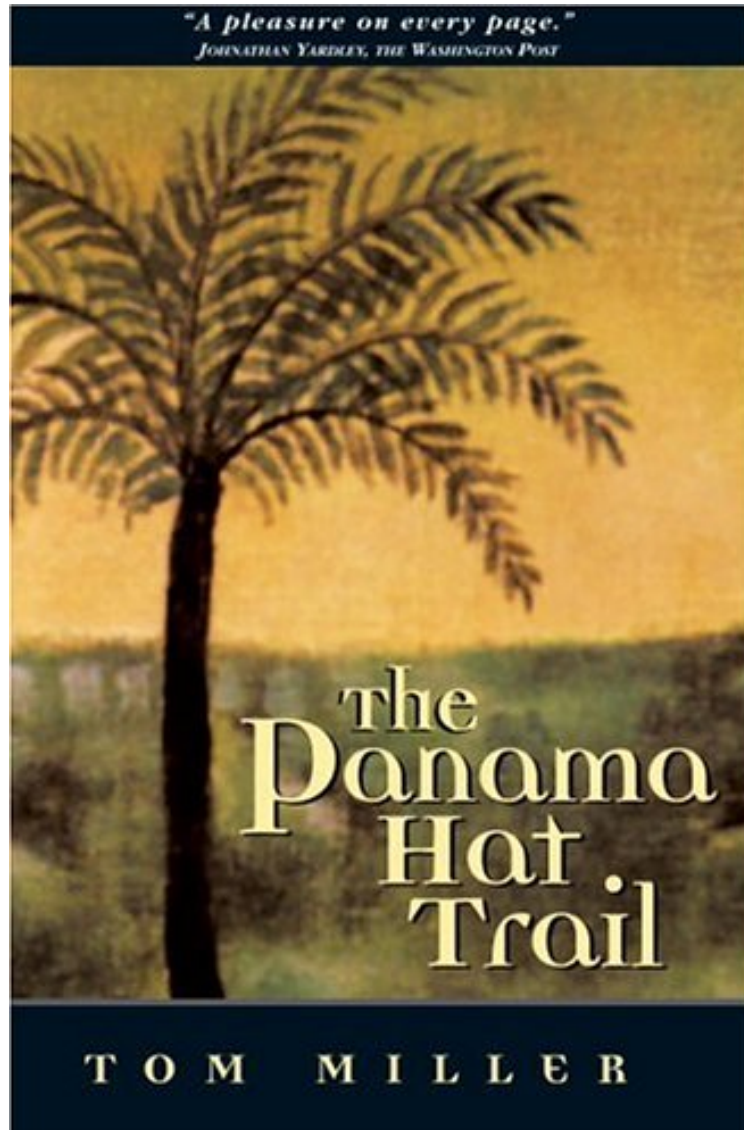


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**Tom Miller : The Panama Hat Trail** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Panama Hat Trail:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Muddy in EcuadorBy Janice Leinani LindPanama Hat was highly recommended for those traveling to Ecuador it does give you the flavour of another time there. Miller liked what he was doing he covveys it in effortless prose. The events took place in the 80s I suspect this is a long ago world at this point. However, the traffic to macchu Picchu the Galapagos is right there. So it's an interesting, well written history of

the region, with well chosen quotes from different historical travelers history books. So far, as I am not finished reading it yet, it is an easy, comfortable read which I recommend with no reservations. I'd like to end up with a collection of Panama hats, as Miller apparently has. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. quirky subject, well-written and interesting

By Margaret A. Cleary I very much enjoyed this book as a lead-up to my visit to the home of the Panama Hat, which as you should know is...Ecuador! Although the book was written a number of years ago, the information about the hats, the country and the people appears to remain accurate. Mr. Miller's style and the details he includes kept me engaged all the way through (and made me, I'd like to think, a more knowledgeable visitor and hat buyer!)

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Wonderful Tale

By Starley Talbott This book provides a wonderful historical account about Panama Hats. A great read and something to think about each time one purchases or wears a hat that has been called a Panama Hat (usually a misnomer). I also enjoyed reading about the places depicted and lives of the people involved in the intricate process of producing a straw hat. Great Read.

This 15th anniversary reissue of Miller's travel classic follows the making and marketing of a single Panama hat. Its a captivating story of cultures in collision, raw capitalism, and an exotic, humorous journey.

From Library Journal Though offering perhaps more about Panama hats than the reader might ever want to know, this is a satisfying travel book that tells much else about Ecuador and its peoples. The growing, harvesting, and processing of straw, the weaving of it, the finishing of the hats, exportation, and all the bartering along the way is the glue that holds this book together. Visiting the countryside and towns such as Quito, Guayaquil, Lago Agrio, and Jipijapa ("among the ugliest towns south of the equator"), Miller tells us, among other things, about the Indians and their sad centuries-long plight, expatriates, illegal Ecuadorian emigration to the United States, precarious third-class Andean bus trips, the small Jewish community, and a wild and tragic Corpus Christi fiesta. Maps, index, and glossary not seen. Recommended for most travel collections. Roger W. Fromm, Bloomsburg Univ. of Pennsylvania Lib. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. Among the best travel books ever written. National Geographic Traveler A fascinating view. Miller is a good story teller his entertaining book puts a feather in the Ecuadorian straw hat. Christian Science Monitor There is Miller, rolling from one adventure to another, part Mark Twain, part Evelyn Waugh. . . . By the time you finish with the people and the places the author introduces you to, you will wish you had Tom Miller's job. But then, you don't have Tom Miller's eyes. Phoenix New Times An almost novelistic adventure story. USA Today