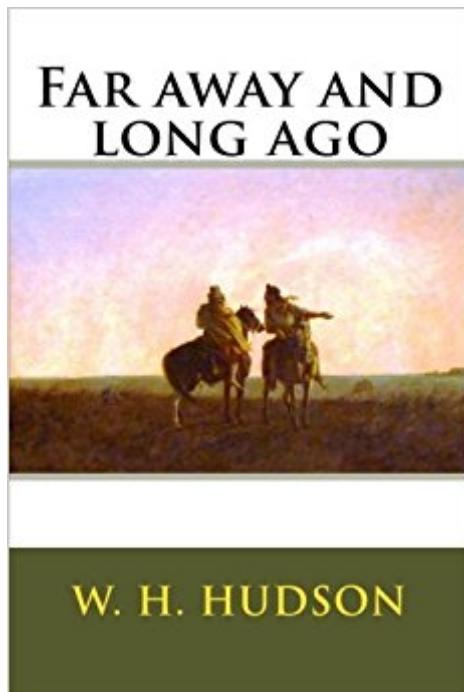


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William Henry Hudson was born in Argentina, the son of American settlers from New England. He spent his youth studying the local flora and fauna, and, as a young man, travelled widely on horseback, visiting Brazil, Uruguay, and Patagonia. In 1869, at the age of 28, he settled in England, and began a new life as a wanderer and field naturalist.

Where the tall Pampas grass grows, you are taken on a voyage seen through the eyes of a young boy growing up in the wild Argentine plain. Images abound, and characters emerge thrilling the reader and inviting you in to explore this rich environment. I especially liked the concept of the rich Spanish cattle baron after 100 years of living in the pampas how there were no longer any vegetable gardens and nice aromatic blossoms, as the livestock of all kinds subsequently destroyed all of the frivolities of life. This book is references in Hemmingway's "Garden of Eden" .. Thanks for the heads-up Hem!

This is almost an adventure book, about a boy who was free to do what he loved, wander the large untamed area around his home in Argentina, alone or with a pony, discovering secrets of the birds and other creatures of those vast grasslands. Also, I discovered here that it was Hudson who had

written "Green Mansions", a book I read in my grandfather's library when I was young enough to find it strange and disturbing (man's inhumanity). I would recommend this as a very interesting and rather unusual read.

Far Away and Long Ago is a beautifully written memoir. I wanted to read it because the author had been a contemporary of my father, who also grew up in Argentina. My father often spoke and wrote of his childhood in Argentina, and the pictures the author paints of life as a child at the turn of the century in Argentina closely parallels my father's stories. I love the descriptions of the people, the animals, the trees... It fills my heart with longing to have been in Argentina during that period. Thank you for a wonderful story that took me away from my everyday life.

William Hudson was one of the great English stylists around the turn of the century. This book is about his childhood in Argentina. Is is just beautifully written. I had an aunt who gave it to me when I was 12 years old and I loved it immediately. I still do.

A great autobiography of a talented naturalist and writer.

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interesting reading. Loved to hear about all the birds around in those days!

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