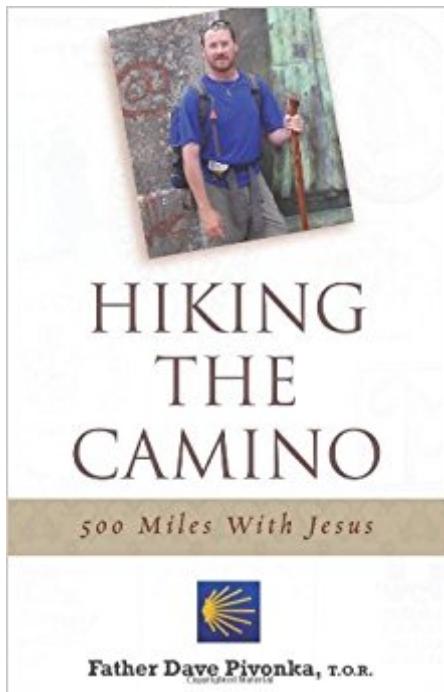


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# Hiking The Camino: 500 Miles With Jesus



## **Synopsis**

You might reasonably wonder why anyone would shoulder a heavy backpack, grab a walking stick and hike across Spain. Whatever happened to planes, trains and automobiles? But Father Dave Pivonka knew that the Caminoâ "the ancient pilgrim path to the tomb of Saint James the Apostle in Santiagoâ "offered an opportunity to focus on God in the stripped-down environment typical of the religious journey known as a pilgrimage. Father Dave takes you along with him, eager to show that God wants to take care of you whether or not you can see down the road or, if tired and sore, you're tempted to quit. His Camino hike holds real lessons for your own life's journey.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Father Dave does a wonderful job of walking us through the Camino with him, drawing lessons for the spiritual life all the way. It is a powerful journey--I felt like I was there. With each insight I found myself being drawn into a spiritual journey of my own! --Jim Beckman, author, God, Help Me: How to Grow in Prayer

FATHER DAVE PIVONKA, T.O.R., is the director of seminary formation for the Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular. He has been a priest for ten years and absolutely loves his calling. Father Dave preaches at conferences around the United States and leads pilgrimages around the world. He wrote *Spiritual Freedom: Godâ™s Life-Changing Gift*.

I have, so far, read nine (9) Camino books in preparation for a pilgrimage. As a Catholic I wanted to

read the priests books too. The very best, excellent book is "To The Field Of Stars", by Father Kevin Codd. I had just finished Fr. CODD'S book when I read this one. What a come down to this one!!!! This one misses the descriptions of the wonders to be seen in the landscapes, medieval churches, really special & unique spiritual depths described by Fr. Codd in his book. DON'T WASTE YOUR MONEY ON THIS ONE! Father Dave Pivonka relates shallow, repetitive, boring subjects & you will find yourself skipping over this stuff looking for Camino experiences. Fr. Pavonka travels with another priest who is never defined, nor is any of the other pilgrims he encounters. Fr Pavonka is also not a very good writer & as a book editor I should know.....stick with FR. KEVIN CODD for the most excellent book you will not be able to put down.

Loved this book. Have read much on the pilgrimage, but this added a special insight...not only from the priests religious insights that struck him at various points, but also his sense of humor. He gave the realities of a hike of this magnitude (500 miles!) and some of the experiences that made this hike especially poignant. I loved this book so much I bought one for a deacon who is being ordained a priest in June.

I loved Father Dave's down-to-earth, humble yet holy approach to walking the Camino. It is my dream to make this journey myself someday, but in the meantime he has made it more real to me. His spiritual observations and epiphanies are shared with humor and humility.

I truly love this book. I enjoyed reading it and felt as though I was hiking the Camino - walking the 500 miles with Jesus. The author wrote about his pain he felt along the walk, some of the people hiking the Camino at the same time he was and his love for our dear Lord Jesus - which is why he took the walk in the first place. His words were such one could "see" what his words expressed and there were fun AND funny parts too. I found myself, at times, laughing out loud. I found I was unable to put down the book once I started reading it and I found myself underlining many valuable words and lessons which spoke right to my heart. Thank God for for making it possible to order great books and in a timely fashion.

I read this book before hiking the Camino and am so glad I did! It was so helpful to have the notion of having my own personal theme for the trip, and helped me to have a much more prayerful Camino. Since those who walk "The Way" often only do so one time, I am so glad I was more prepared than I would have been without reading this book.

Get inside the head of a priest walking Camino de Santiago - what joy! My favorite Camino book -- and I've read many.

I have read many books on the journeys of pilgrims on the Camino. Father Dave's humility and intelligence shines through as he writes about his 500 mile journey across northern Spain.

Wonderful and inspirational book! Fr Dave knows how to teach, preach and entertain all at the same time.

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