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I ordered this while traveling in Patagonia, having heard rave reviews from two local guides. It is divided into [~ 100?] short vignettes each more fantastic [or fantastical?] than the previous. I find Chatwin's style and use of language delicious. I was unsettled to come across criticisms claiming his stories were at least partially concocted. I found myself using Google on my phone as I read to verify that various characters and historical episodes did occur. So far even the most bizarre citations appear true, but a number of critics claim he conflated and exaggerated persons and anecdotes. I took a brief hiatus from the book while deciding if I could ignore the doubts created by critics before plunging back in and relishing every page. Hence, 4 stars from me, but I assure you it is 5 star fun!

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