

But the land was sour. It lay on a sunless slope and, at the snowmelt, streams of icy water came pouring through the cottage.

They walked up a sheep track, in the rain. The hill was in clouds and tassels of white water came streaming out of the cloud-bank. He walked ahead, brushing aside the gorse and the bracken, and she planted her footsteps in his.

To make an impression is also to receive one, the soles of our feet, shaped by surfaces they press upon, are landscapes themselves with their own worn channels and roving lines.

Mountaineering is the act of getting up mountains by foot and occasionally by hand, and though the climbing is usually emphasised, most ascents are mostly a matter of walking (and since good climbers climb with their legs as a much as possible, climbing could be called the art of taking a vertical walk).

As he knelt to see clearer, to get closer, his knee dipped in the puddle. He only noticed the damp on his trousers when the panda car pulled over. It joined the others clustered around the beginning of the path into the woods. She glanced at the mud on his jeans, then joined her colleagues in the clearing.

We call it listening to the mountain. The mountain decides what you get to do. That's something that you really have to listen to. If you're rushing, if you're thinking it has to happen today, then you're going to make a bad decision, he said.

The range stretches from the south west to the north east. The larger part of the hills is formed from old red Sandstone, though bands of carboniferous limestone and of millstone grit are important landscape-forming rocks in the south and west of the range, owing to their greater resistance to erosion.

Its geology, dominated by calcareous rocks, is typical of the area. Its climate is also typical. Precipitation is high, ranging from about 51in. at Valley level 71in. at the summit.

It forms the watershed between two rivers but constitutes a huge limestone buttress, projecting from the crystalline basement. Consequently all of its sides see the same river.

Wenn Sie die Deutschen kennenlernen, denken Sie wahrscheinlich, dass sie uns sehr ähnlich sind. Sie sehen aus wie wir, nur dass es den drahtigen Typus seltener gibt, sondern eher große, fleischige, hellhaarige Männer und Frauen, besonders im Norden. Aber sie sind uns nicht so ähnlich, wie es scheinen mag.

Trans.

**When you meet the Germans
You will probably think they
are very much like us. They
look like us, except that there
are fewer of the wiry type and
more big, fleshy, fair-haired
men and women, especially
in the north. But they are not
really so much like us as they
look.**

The wind, coming to the city from far away, brings with it unusual gifts, noticed only by a few sensitive souls, such as hay-fever victims, who sneeze at the pollen from flowers of other lands.

One day, to the narrow strip of ground flanking the city avenue came a gust of spores from God knows where: and some mushrooms germinated. Nobody noticed them except him, the worker who caught his tram just there every morning.