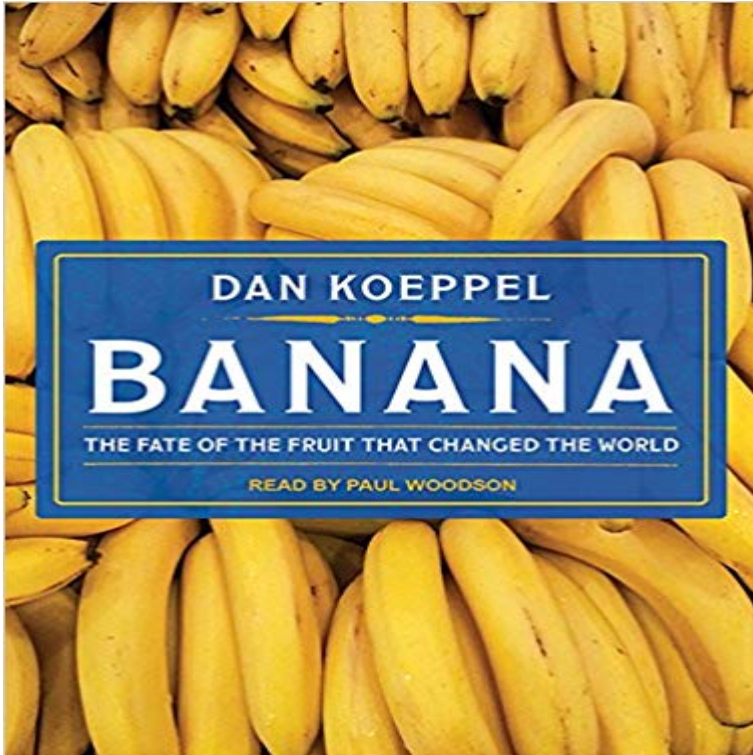


Banana: The Fate of the Fruit That Changed the World



To most people, a banana is a banana: a simple yellow fruit. Americans eat more bananas than apples and oranges combined. In others parts of the world, bananas are what keep millions of people alive. But for all its ubiquity, the banana is surprisingly mysterious; nobody knows how bananas evolved or exactly where they originated. Rich cultural lore surrounds the fruit: in ancient translations of the Bible, the apple consumed by Eve is actually a banana.

But the biggest mystery about the banana today is whether it will survive. A seedless fruit with a unique reproductive system, every banana is a genetic duplicate of the next, and therefore susceptible to the same blights. Today's yellow banana, the Cavendish, is increasingly threatened by such a blight, and there's no cure in sight.

Banana combines a pop-science journey around the globe, a fascinating tale of an iconic American business enterprise, and a look into the alternately tragic and hilarious banana subculture (one does exist)-ultimately taking us to the high-tech labs where new bananas are literally being built in test tubes, in a race to save the world's most beloved fruit.

Agradable ruta realizada junto al Bilbao Alpino que parte desde la localidad alavesa de Guinea, en la vertiente Sur de la sierra de Arkamo y que discurre por las cimas de Olvedo, Pelistornes y Cantoblanco.

Desde Guinea el camino es muy evidente, ya que las dos primeras cimas están muy cerca y separadas por un pequeño collado. Su subida es corta y casi directa y está señalizada justo a la salida del pueblo.

Al Olvedo se llega relativamente rápido. A pesar de que las nubes a veces nos impiden apreciar las vistas, el paisaje se intuye precioso.

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Para pasar del Olvedo al Pelistornes tan sólo tenemos que cruzar el collado y llegaremos en apenas 10 minutos a nuestra segunda cima del día.

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Una vez coronadas las cimas anteriores hay que continuar la travesía en dirección a la al Cantoblanco, que se asciende tras un durillo cortafuegos.

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Desde la cima tenemos justo en frente el Montemayor, máxima altura de la vecina sierra de Arkamo.2017-01-22_13-00-09

Finalmente, iniciamos el descenso hacia la curiosa localidad de Salinas de Añana...

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...donde podremos completar la ruta con una visita a las propias Salinas.

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Una ruta de unos 15 kilómetros sin dificultades reseñables. Únicamente se hace necesaria logística de vehículos. De no tener esta facilidad entonces es mejor realizar únicamente la subida al Olvedo y Pelistornes.

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Bueno, un nuevo año que ha pasado y uno nuevo que acaba de comenzar. 2016 fue un año muy intenso, si bien los retos que nos marcamos en un principio sólo se vieron cumplidos en una tercera parte. No fue un buen año para ellos, ésta vez la alineación de planetas se generó en pocas ocasiones.

Sin embargo, no decaemos. Cogemos el testigo y no vamos a desistir en su intento, por lo que los retos que no conseguimos cumplir en 2016 serán los que tratemos de realizar en 2017, más algunos otros, a ver qué os parecen. Seguir leyendo

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