

## Patagonia Revisited

*B.Chatwin& P.Theroux*

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A strange book. It seems to consist of excerpts from Chatwin's Patagonia book (reviewed above) and similar excerpts from Theroux's writing on the region. (He did once publish a book about going by train down from Massachusetts to the end of the world, a book I read many years ago). It does center more than those books on the plight of the natives of Tierra del Fuego and how they dwindled in number, but presented as a natural, if deplorable, development, and not the effect of an explicit extermination campaign.

On the flap one learns that the source of the book was an entertainment for the Royal Geographic Society in London, and that it was considered fit to give it out as a short booklet. To further motivate the act of publication an artist - Kyffin Williams - was employed to provide a few illustrations, which however, do not add much to the contents.

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