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### BIOGRAPHY

Dave Ellingson, inspired by the childhood stories of Huckleberry Finn, has pursued a life of adventure, learning, and discovery. He is an adventurer, author, and speaker on topics ranging from his personal kayaking trips, environmental care, and social justice to holistic health, faith, and spirituality.

Known as the Paddle Pilgrim, Dave's kayak adventures have taken him down the Mississippi River (2012), Erie Canal and Hudson River to the Statue of Liberty (2015), and through the Sogne and Hardanger fjords of Norway (2018). Future adventures include the Mekong River in southeast Asia.

Dave is the author of six books, including three Paddle Pilgrim books detailing his kayaking expeditions. He is a frequent speaker for community groups, libraries, churches, colleges, camps, and retreat centers. His "Coming Home" film, tracing his family's Norwegian roots, was featured at the Iowa Independent Film Festival. He's been a frequent guest on "Travel with Rick Steves."

Dave is a graduate of Luther College, Yale Divinity School, and Claremont School of Theology, a Lutheran pastor, Master Gardener, former distance runner and triathlete, and is married with five grown children. He lives in Edmonds, Wash.

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