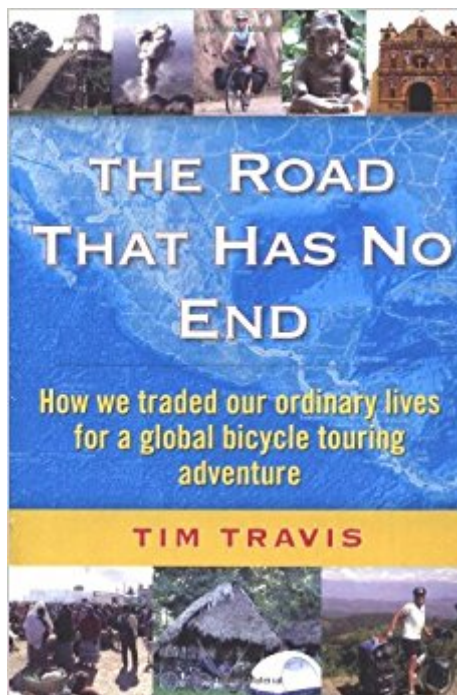




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The Road That Has No End: How We Traded Our Ordinary Lives For A Global Bicycle Touring Adventure



Synopsis

Authors Tim and Cyndie Travis accomplish the unthinkable, in an unprecedented worldwide cycling adventure. Their clever story explores the depths of humanity, as they expose themselves to life's perils on roads less traveled. This story is written as it happened, on the road.

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Tim Travis has been everything from a bicycle mechanic to a Special Education Teacher with a Masters degree. Tim started riding a bicycles in the mid-1970's with a Campy five-speed bike, wool shorts and one of those funny leather helmets that cyclists wore back then. The bicycle racing movie "Breaking Away," hit the theaters and he quickly fell into racing. He was immersed in racing until he graduated from Indiana University in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education. Tim excels at being a traveler and a storyteller. Tim spends his days living international bike touring adventures and nights writing about them in his tent. The ability to capture in writing and photography the extraordinary events that only living cheaply on a bicycle creates is a very special gift to the readers of his books.

I love reading books about other people's travels by bicycle. I only wish I had the presence of mind to put down my own trip to Russia ten years ago, while it was still fresh in my mind. This book was totally enjoyable for me, except for one minor point; The road my not have an end, but the book did! I want to know what happened next! Of course I check the website, and get the newsletter but I wish the book had gone on, or that there was a second book, or more. I found it very readable, enjoyable

and relaxing. Having some experience with Latino culture, particularly Colombian and Mexican, I found the comparisons between countries fascinating. It may not be my favorite bike travel book, (That honor goes to "Hey Mom, Can I Ride My Bike Across America?: Five Kids Meet Their Country".) but it's right up there on my short list.

I found this book to be easy to read but simplistic and lacking in much descriptive detail. It reads more like a cleaned up travel journal listing itineraries and non-integrated historical tidbits than a travel memoir. It's almost as if the author couldn't decide on the format and focus for the book. Is it a how-to (leave your job and travel), travel journal (we did this), or guidebook (Palenque is...)? The combination of naiveté (mentioned by another reviewer) and fear is something that a lot of travelers must feel but reading about it here made me more inclined to dislike the author rather than admire him. He never seemed to learn from his encounters. That said, he seemed to have more than the usual amount of run-ins with potential bandits. While I would like to travel (by bike) to these places myself someday, this book doesn't really provide the inspiration for that particular dream. Writing travel memoirs seems like a very difficult task to take on and it is admirable that the author published his journey - that in itself is an accomplishment - but it is unfortunate that it is no more than a glorified travel journal.

As an avid cyclist who is planning to do some touring I found this book to be very informative and entertaining. I am not sure I would care to follow his route through Mexico given the atmosphere there today but I really liked the description of the author's good experiences with people almost everywhere he went. I recommend this book highly to anyone interested in long distance bike touring as a leisure activity or as a life style.

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Tim (the author) has now become a professional tourist which is something the rest of us can only dream about, but his book takes the reader on a fun ride and leaves you wanting to know what happens next.

I found this book to be very entertaining, and informative also. I wish I had the time and ability to do a tour like this.

A+

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this adventure with Tim and Cindi on what was a perilous adventure at times. They made mistakes like most of us have in bicycle touring, but they were able to overcome them as a team. Each chapter is filled with sights and sounds which envelope your senses, you feel like you're sitting with them on their bicycle as they climb the mountains and shoot down into valleys. Although I may never travel the path they took or venture into the countries they crossed, I could see the people they met, feel the hazards they encounter and taste the food they ate. I'm looking forward to reading their other books. Ray

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