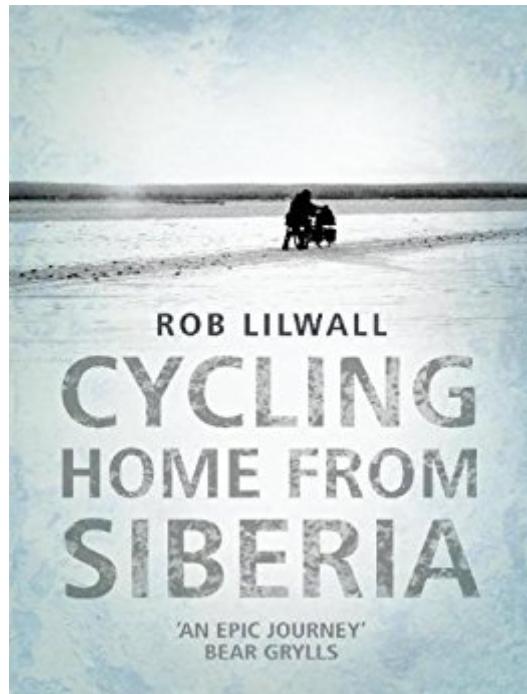


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Cycling Home From Siberia



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'It is late October, and the temperature is already -40C...My thoughts are filled with frozen rivers that may or may not hold my weight; empty, forgotten valleys haunted by emaciated ghosts and packs of ravenous, merciless wolves.' In 2004 Rob Lilwall arrived in Siberia equipped only with a bike and a healthy dose of fear. CYCLING HOME FROM SIBERIA recounts his epic three and a half year, 30,000 mile journey back to England via the foreboding jungles of Papua New Guinea, an Australian cyclone and Afghanistan's war-torn Hindu Kush. A gripping story of endurance and adventure, this is also a spiritual journey giving a poignant insight into life on the road in some of the world's toughest corners. www.roblilwall.com

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Customer Reviews

Thoroughly enjoyed this book! Read the Kindle edition. It would have been nice to access the footnotes as I was reading it. They were all at the end. I liked how he told a bit about each country as he was traveling through it. I appreciated his personal spiritual insights as he compared his faith with those he met on the trip.

I bought this as a Christmas present, it arrived late so before I forwarded it on I thought I'd check it

out.(Don't want to gift a bad book, you know!). Anyway, it's an interesting, well written and fun read. Kind of a horrified fascination with their riding in a land where their thermometer bottoms out at -40 degrees at night!

Wonderful book! Our entire book club enjoyed it. I liked it so much I sent a copy as a Christmas present to my brother, who is a cyclist and an avid reader. I couldn't have picked a better present.

Great adventure story with all the elements, humor, fear, triumph, and disappointment. Rob Lilwall experienced an adventure few would attempt and I am sure even fewer would ever complete this 3 year odyssey. I look forward to reading his walking adventure tale. I highly recommend this book.

because you won't be getting much afterwards. I have the author to thank for my staying up until one in the morning, unable and unwilling to put this book down and get some sleep. You would think I was ON the journey with him myself, not wanting to miss anything. This is easily one of the most exciting travel accounts I've ever come across. Well worth your while to get this book. I had never heard of anyone traveling by bike from Siberia. This is a must read.

I enjoyed the light read of this book. It flowed nicely and I finished it in 3 days. It was nice to read about other areas of the world that I would never have an opportunity to visit. I could not believe a person could survive under the circumstances that he started out in, Impressive. Especially since I do not like cold temperatures.

A terrific read. This was an assigned read for class and I found myself writing to Rob Lilwall and thanked him for writing such a great book. I was honored that he had written back and proved that he really is a nice guy!

The more I reflect on this book, the more I realize how disappointing it was. The author seems to blunder his way down the road, sponging off everyone around him. His "adventure" is more a self-serving exercise in how to take advantage of even those with so little to share. How does he pay back? Spreading the gospel! I skimmed over his preachy bits. I have no clue about his crossing of Australia, a book unto itself by many others. He dwells on minutia and leaves out great chunks of the journey. Page after page describes the first few hundred miles, and yet he flies up from SE Asia to Tibet in just a few pages. Flying home a couple of times, hanging out with his new-found girlfriend

(spoiler alert: he marries her!, which you could also have found out by reading the rubbish at the end of the book.), discovering how generous indigenous people can be (compared to himself I think), and the joys of eating garbage prepackaged foods all made me wonder why I was finishing this boring tale. I should have been wise when he named his bicycle. Real cyclists just don't do that. I don't want my money back; I want the hours back I wasted reading this thing. Its only saving grace were his somewhat interesting descriptions of the riding conditions in a few of the places he traveled. The fact that he survived without being seriously injured is a testament to his luck. He should have saved some of that luck for writing his book.

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