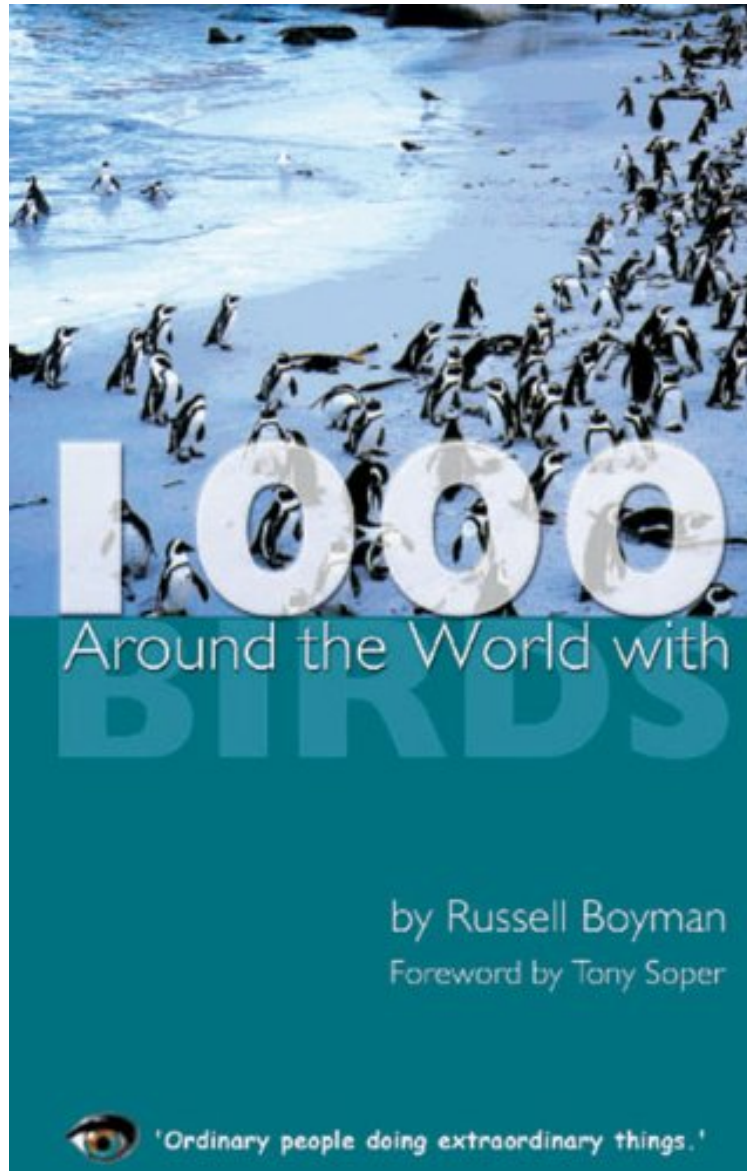


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Russell Boyman : Around the World With 1000 Birds before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Around the World With 1000 Birds:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Don't Waste Your TimeBy leecountyhokieTo a birder looking for some light reading, this book at first looks like it promises a good experience. Let me assure you, it does not deliver that. The author wastes no time in revealing his personal problems, and continues to lament on them throughout the

book, regardless of the fact that to any impartial observer, he is completely responsible for all of his own problems. An unfortunate amount of this book is dedicated to his divorce, his sleeping around during and after his marriage, and a bad storyline about an ongoing "relationship" he has with a woman in London who is seeing at least two other men. This book is more of an expose about what is wrong with modern perceptions of relationships than it is about birding. The book was impossible for me to enjoy if for no other reason than that Mr. Boyman repeatedly makes clear that he is a giant d-bag, and I have no interest in reading about someone else's d-baggy travel experiences and relationships. As if this wasn't already bad enough, the educated reader is left to wonder if this book had an editor at all. The book is filled with typos and grammar/spelling errors, which is enough to set me off a book by itself. In addition to this lack of discipline, the book reads like a diary entry by a middle-schooler. In summary, I'd really encourage you to not read this book, but to make a different selection in this genre, in which there are many better options. My recent favorite was "All Things Reconsidered", a collection of articles written by the respected birder and guide author and illustrator Roger Tory Peterson: All Things Reconsidered Birding Adventures 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Unbelievably bad By Hulls Angel Having seen 1000 bird species, and read 1000 books this is the single worst book I have ever read. There are several excellent books in this genre, my personal favourites are Dan Koeppel's "To see every bird on earth", Pete Dunne's "The feather quest" and Ken Kaufman's "Kingbird highway". These three books capture the excitement and spirit of a quest, and have pearls of wisdom and philosophy sprinkled throughout. Russell Boyman's book is a tawdry account of a wasted year, in which he spends excessive amounts of money jetting around the world during which he appears to learn nothing. There is no apparent connection or passion for the birds he is seeing, they simply represent names to tick off his list. With the funds at his disposal seeing 1000 different bird species in a year is trivial, and yet it is portrayed as an extraordinary feat. As other reviewers (on .co.uk) have commented, in the "relationship" parts of the book the author comes across as a sexist, racist ("India would be a great country if it wasn't for the bloody Indians!") idiot with more money than sense. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. a must for adventurous birders By Ian Stewart In this book a middle-aged British man describes how he gave up a lucrative if not satisfying career in order to travel the world while trying to see 1,000 species of bird. This is no mean feat, and requires visiting some remote areas of some very bird-rich countries, all of which has to be carefully timed to maximise success with migrating birds etc. The author has a very engaging writing style, so much so that I happily read the entire book in one day. Some of the information may be a bit too much for people with just a mild interest in birds, since some of the species listed are quite obscure, although the exotic, triple- or quadruple barrelled names are thrilling by anyone's standards. Non-birders may also wonder how anyone can be so obsessive! As a birder myself I was very interested in the author's struggles, and sympathised with several natural and man-made obstacles he was faced with. Still, all of the struggles added to the challenge, and anyone who is planning to travel off the beaten track in developing nations will learn much from this. The book isn't overwhelmed by birds, however, with the author making some keen observations about social life in each of the countries he visits, and some of the small details about social events and accommodation add colour to the tale. The author also provides a running commentary of an on-off romance he was having with a girl back in Britain, which I have to say left me feeling a little queasy at times. The author, by his own (almost) admission, is a fairly plain, pudgy-faced, bespectacled middle-aged Brit, while the girl is considerably younger and attractive. The occasional sexual references are made in a sort of nudge-nudge-wink-wink bragging style that I thought was very much at odds with the rest of the prose (for example, the author recalls her turning up for a meeting wearing a tight top and thinking to himself 'How did I miss those?') Despite this occasional creepy sexual moments, the book itself is a lot of fun to read, and the author deserves a lot of credit. Firstly, for having the guts to abandon a career to follow his heart, and secondly for writing about it so eloquently that others may feel motivated to do it themselves. I recommend it strongly.

Following one man's extraordinary answer to his midlife crisis, this engaging story chronicles the worldwide pursuit of an uncommon goal. Documenting the author's journey of finding 1,000 birds in their natural habitats and walking in the landscapes of every wildlife documentary he had ever watched, this narrative travels from the Amazon jungle and the African Savannah to the glaciers of New Zealand, savoring the splendors of the natural world. Along the way, all of his quirky adventures are recorded: investigating the strange noises coming from the chalet next door deep in the Indian jungle, finding an antelope in his shower, and even flying halfway across the world for a weekend with one very special bird. Providing a fascinating insight into the calming influence and inspiration that nature provides, this voyage of emotions and experiences shows how one man gave up sweaty commuter trains and a stressful job to make his dream come true.

About the Author Russell Boyman has had a number of articles published in wildlife magazines and travel journals, and he consistently delivers lectures on his birding adventures.