



haven't had the chance to try out my theory, but I have a lot of coloring books and I strongly suspect that markers are going to bleed through the page. This isn't a problem if you don't care about one of the pictures.

Sometimes travel doesn't go according to plan - but that's what gives you best stories! Around the world, these Lonely Planet writers encounter hurricanes, road accidents, secret police and nasty parasites - among other aspects of life on the dark side of the road.

From Publishers Weekly This collection of 26 first-person essays by Lonely Planet writers includes tales that describe, in mostly self-effacing detail, the horrors and embarrassments that can befall even the most seasoned travelers. Getting into his car after a soul-cleansing hike in "Walking the Mount Kailash Circuit," Wheeler, founder of Lonely Planet Publications, is startled when a drunk Tibetan repeatedly slams his head against the car windshield. In her Kafkaesque tale of her detention in a police station in Mirny, a desolate Siberian city, Suzanne Possehl writes: "I tell him I write for Lonely Planet; he looks at me like I'm from another planet." Andrew Draffen details in "The Local Cure" how he survived a case of Bicho Geographico, a parasite he picked up while walking (stoned) along a beach in Trancoso, in the northeast section of Brazil. He turned to native bartender Ulysses, who recommended a natural way to stop the parasite from burrowing too far into the travel writer's skin. The remedy? Draffen tied a huge block of ice to his foot and drank caipirinhas till he was too soused to worry; eventually, the parasite froze "estupidamente gelada (stupidly cold)." Readers wanting a real look at what it's like to work in one of the most seemingly glamorous professions will find a wide variety of insider information and confessions of na?vet? and helplessness experienced in remote parts of the world. (Nov.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Ever since self-publishing their first travel guide (Asia on the Cheap), the folks at Lonely Planet have produced over 350 titles A travel guides, walking guides, language guides, and travel atlases for independent travelers. There are now over 80 Lonely Planet authors in Australia, Great Britain, and the United States. This most recent installment is meant to be a humorous compilation of travel disasters, mainly in Third World countries but also in Europe and North America. If your clientele like stories about car and motorcycle crashes, kayak drownings, trips and falls, scabies infestations, and more car crashes, then you should consider this title. While some of the stories are amusing, many merely make a mountain out of a mole hill. Although Lonely Planet travel guides can be useful additions to library collections, this title should be considered only for the most comprehensive ones. A Thomas K. Fry, Univ. of Denver, Penrose Lib. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Yeah, yeah, your flight was delayed, and the onboard meal, once your plane finally got off, was crummy. Big deal. You want to hear about big-time travel horror stories? Read the essay-anecdotes offered here by 26 writers who contribute to Lonely Planet's travel guides, including Lonely Planet founder Tony Wheeler. In his piece "Walking the Mount Kailash Circuit," Wheeler remembers an incident while trekking in Tibet, when his group was attacked by a gone-crazy-with-drink, head-butting man. Dani Valent, in "Crash," recalls a could-have-been-fatal car crash in "rough-as-guts" outback Australia. And Miles Roddis, in a tale that is revealingly titled "The First Hour of the First Day of My First Assignment for Lonely Planet," finds, when he gets to Bangui, capital of the Central African Republic, his hotel in ruins, the "victim" of an overactive army needing things to shoot at. So don't complain about being bumped from one flight to the next. Nobody's listening to your lame story! Brad Hooper