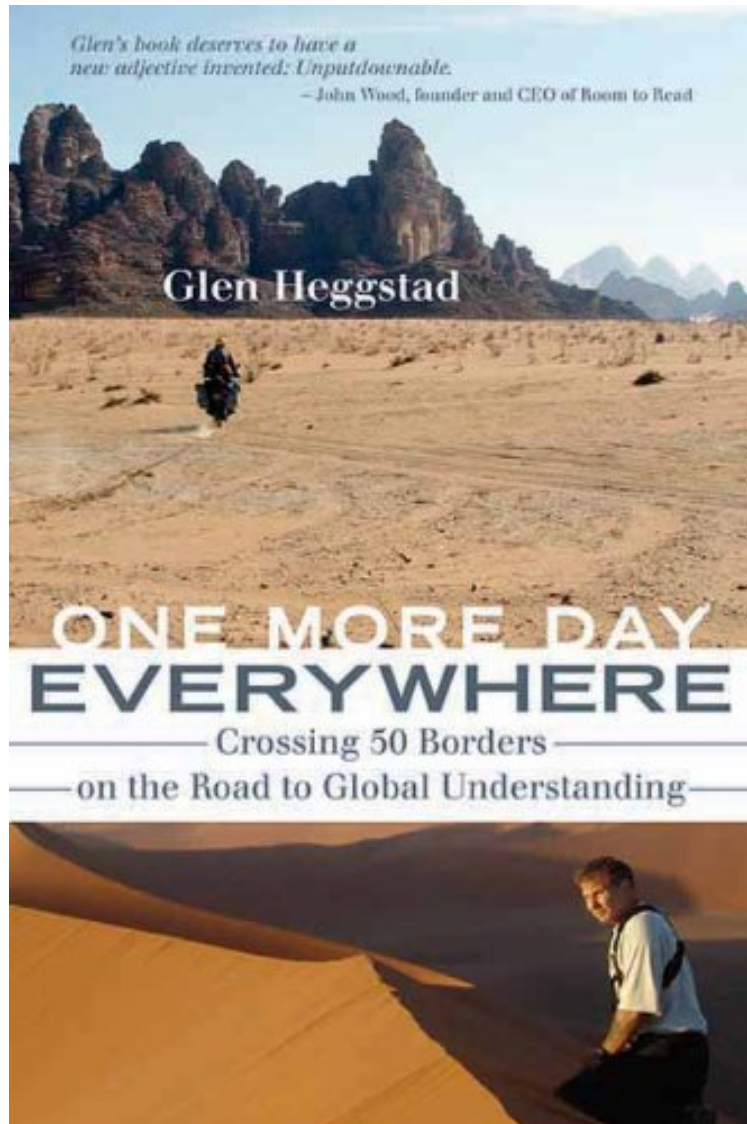


One More Day Everywhere: Crossing 50 Borders on the Road to Global Understanding

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Glen Heggstad : One More Day Everywhere: Crossing 50 Borders on the Road to Global Understanding before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised One More Day Everywhere: Crossing 50 Borders on the Road to Global Understanding:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful in every way but one: a dearth of pictures! By Zaine Ridling What a wonderful book except for two common criticisms. First is the dearth of pictures -- is Heggstad the

only person to travel around the world and not snap more than a few pics -- we don't even get a decent or clear picture of the author! Therefore, go to the author's website listed in the book for hundreds of [uncategorized] digital photos of this book. My second criticism is the poor mapping included -- it's handy to have an atlas at hand -- Rand McNally's Notebook World Atlas is perfect -- to follow each subchapter as Heggstad's maps are small and vague, nor do they list all the points of his travels! Still, this is a worthy book because the author does it alone. Compare this account to Ewan MacGregor and Charley Boorman's horribly ill-prepared Long Way Round: Chasing Shadows Across the World. MacGregor and Boorman spent every day crying for their wives and children wanting to go home, and they spent the rest of their time ditching and wrecking their bikes. Heggstad broke up with his gal when she called him three weeks in and issued an ultimatum to come home or else. Heggstad notes that it's far easier to travel alone on a bike than in teams of two or more; people greet and welcome an individual more openly. Heggstad himself must be semi-insane. Like every world cyclist, he insists on going through Siberia. China is essentially closed to wanderers and he explains how before you would be allowed to ride a bike around China, the government would want to know where you're going, whom you're seeing, what you're writing about them, and more importantly, you're not allowed private, foreign vehicles there for fear you'll sell them. Therefore China gets excluded from everyone's "adventure" itinerary. But Heggstad also failed to spend much time driving around Europe. He zipped into Munich, popped over to Czech and Hungary, and then almost straight to Istanbul. You can read between the lines when he gets to Thailand, the tone of the book changes and he gets giddy. Apparently the sex can't be beat as he's getting blown and happy endings every time he steps off his bike, perhaps even while on the bike! He definitely did not want to leave Thailand, and can't wait to get back. He even debates whether to pay a hefty fine to remain over his expired visa! His dime store wisdom could use more historical study, but he's right that god-belief and gold/control of resources is the root of all evil. Still, his belief that "People get along, governments do not" is clearly illustrated throughout the pages. Over and over, you see that muslims are the source of violence throughout developing regions. When dealing with shy people or government bureaucrats and border patrols, his Will Rogers' "Aw shucks, how is everybody!" gets him out of the toughest jams over and over. I recommend this book to anyone, and I can't wait to buy another Heggstad title.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An EpicBy MotoSwimmerPart of why i like exploring inside the US is that there are no young men with automatic weapons demanding to see my passport. But there is a cost for this comfort and security. i just finished Glen's book and i am, frankly, a bit confronted by my own diluted concept of adventure. i have spent some long days in the saddle and have been wet, cold, hot, out of gas, flat-tired, broke down and in the hospital. (an American Hospital with good insurance) What a Wuss! Glen took an epic trip at great personal risk and then wrote an amazing book about the experience. The writing is really excellent. Thanks, Glen, for the view into humanity and how our differences do not preclude us from understanding each other. Very cool book.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great Read..some minor quirksBy flyerdogThis is a fantastic book to have on your kindle! I can appreciate this book from two different perspectives:1. Purely as an interested reader learning about cultures and societies2. As a fellow riderSo here goes:for #1: He does a great job illustrating that "people are people" no matter where he goes in the world. For the most part, they show him kindness, support and enthusiasm. He is inundated with invitations for tea, lodging, meals etc. While he does have some negative experiences with theft and less than welcoming governments, overall the folks he meets wish him success and safe travels. It's a testament to the human spirit.for #2: I also recently downloaded "Ghost Rider:..." by Neil Peart. Neil's journey was a little different and filled with a little more cynicism (sp). Neil took to the road to 'find himself' after the tragic deaths of his daughter and wife within a year of each other. Given that Neil is an incredible lyricist, as 30+ years of RUSH has shown, his descriptive narrative is phenomenal. I wish that this book had more descriptive narrative of the places visited. Peart describes the Artic circle, Alaskan wilds, and the warmth of Coastal Mexico and Belize with such incredible imagery that (as a rider) you yearn to hop on your bike and ride there to see it yourself.having said that, this book is a great choice for a relaxing day on the beach, by the pool, on your hotel balcony, or while flying/in airports. Highly recommended!

In November of 2001, Glen Heggstad decided to ride his motorcycle to the tip of South America. His journey was interrupted when he was kidnapped at gunpoint by Colombian rebels and held captive for five weeks. Yet even after his traumatic incarceration, Glen did what few others would finished his trip. Three years later, frustrated by the climate of fear in a media-saturated world and the resulting stranglehold of self-imposed security in the U.S., Glen decided to look for truth on his own terms on the back of his motorcycle. Once more the Striking Viking left the comforts of California as an unofficial emissary with his own message to the world: We are not afraid and we refuse to hate. Starting in Japan, Glen wound his way through Siberia, Mongolia, Europe, the Middle East, South East Asia, and Africa, stopping in over 30 countries. This was not a tourists bus tour Glen battled extreme temperatures, knee-deep mud, bureaucratic roadblocks, health problems, and loneliness, but these problems faded to insignificance with the thrill of the open road and the smiling receptions he received from locals and fellow bikers at every turn. With One More Day Everywhere, readers can share Glen Heggstads vision of a world ungoverned by fear and, like Glen, embrace each experience, with one eye always on the horizon.

"If anyone knows determination, perseverance, agony and terror it is Glen Heggstad. And that motorcycles are fun! Straight to the point with moods and emotions that come right off the page, Im surprised I havent seen a movie on this book already." Jimmy Lewis, editor, Cycle World Magazine