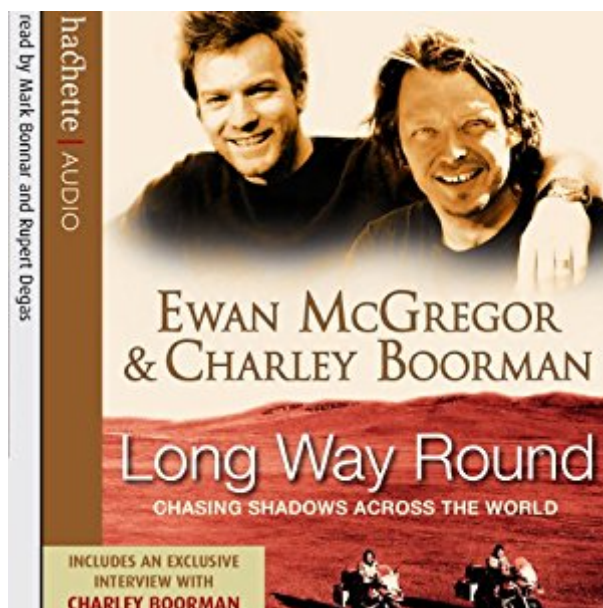


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Long Way Round: Chasing Shadows Across The World



Synopsis

It started as a daydream. Poring over a map of the world at home one quiet Saturday afternoon, Ewan McGregor -- acclaimed actor and self-confessed bike nut -- noticed that it was possible to ride all the way round the world, with just one short hop across the Bering Strait from Russia to Alaska. It was a revelation he couldn't get out of his head. So he picked up the phone and called his fellow actor-slash-biker friend Charley Boorman and told him it was time to hit the road.... Long Way Round Beginning in London, Ewan and Charley chased their shadows through Europe, the Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, and Russia; across the Pacific to Alaska; then down through Canada all the way to New York. Long Way Round is the result of their four-month, 20,000-mile joyride. Featuring original diary entries, travel maps, mileage charts, and dozens of photographs, this is a freewheeling, fully charged, and uproariously entertaining book about two world-famous individuals who chose the road not taken...and made the journey worthwhile. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed this book. Despite some of the negative reviews, I thought it was great. Once I started it, I couldn't put it down. When it was over I was both happy and sad that the journey had ended. I followed through afterward and watched the documentary and I experienced the same emotions all over again. I don't think I would have had the same response just watching the documentary on it's own as I felt that I had a lot more inside information from the book to go along as a guide and to fill in the blanks of the show. I think the documentary is a great companion to the

book.Cons: Some of the backstory can be a little dull. Although I think it is necessary to the story as a whole. I think the trip through North America could have been a little longer.

I wanted to hear the audio book version of their story from going around the world on 'motorbikes'. I had recently seen the 7 hour version of their video series and wanted to hear if maybe more information would be on the Audio version as I wasn't familiar with the ride when it happened in 2004. Overall it follows along with the video version pretty well with not too many aspects not covered in the TV series. The audio book is about 5 hours and I would have liked it better if either; 1. Ewan and Charley had voiced this version or 2. they had found different sounding readers. The person reading for Charley Boorman's sections sounded more like Ewan McGregor to me which got me mixed up on who was supposed to be talking at that point and the guy for Ewan's parts didn't sound like either of them! After while I did get used to it but I think it would have been better if they'd read it themselves. The 'extra' interview of Boorman was interesting also. I still enjoyed hearing of their adventure as much as watching the video of their trip now almost 10 years ago! Their trips, this and "Long Way Down" to Africa started the "Adventure Bike" style that's still going strong.

I'm a huge fan of travel books, but I watched this first on the tv and the book was a completely different perspective. I know nothing about motorcycles but the book was easy to understand and the stories rich and warming. I love Ewan McGregor but didn't chalk him up as a writer, I was wrong! If you like Bill Bryson or enjoyed Jupiter's Travels, this book is for you! Wonderful read.

This book captures what the show couldn't; the most intimate details, the true feelings of Ewan and Charlie, nothing made for tv. It reflects the experience of two mates riding around the world on their motorcycles in a way that the tv show couldn't. Ewan and Charlie reveal things that were omitted from the show, talk about events that stayed on the cutting room floor, let you see things that the cameras didn't capture. An excellent read.

The perfect companion to the video series. It was so lovely to read the stories from Ewan and Charley themselves, instead of only seeing what the video cameras picked up. I highly recommend!

Wonderful friendship. Supportive family. They made time to play. They dreamed it and then followed through and lived it. Awesome adventure.

I'm an avid outdoorsman, and a motorcycle rider and a world traveler. This book combines all three interests and I'm astounded to say that I think I'd enjoy sitting around a camp fire with Ewan McGregor and Charlie Boorman. Most Hollywood types turn my stomach, but these guys seem rational, down to earth and likely fun to be around. This is a story of a great adventure, and I purposefully choose the word "adventure." Its not just a travelogue, nor is it scripted journey, it's an adventure, with the uncertainty that word encompasses. I loved the documentary and I loved the book. Here is the story of two different personality types who are good friends who do amazing things. I am sure Ewan and Charlie will never cross paths with me, but if they did , I am sure I'd add them to my list of solid guys good to spend time with. Enjoy this book, it's truly an ADVENTURE.

The real stars of this little opus are the BMW GS series motorcycles. After finishing the book I wanted to ditch my Harley and jump on a GS and ride off into the sunset, or, the sunrise, or, heck, just anywhere! The book is an okay read. I didn't expect a tome full of insight, just a good before bed tale, or something to read while enjoying a cigar and a drink. I saw the large coffee table version at Lone Star BMW in Austin and ordered it from also because the photos are very good. A lot of reviewers seem put off by the soap opera antics and whining, but, come on, lighten up, it's a television entertainment deal, it's not "real." I was annoyed that once the boys got to Alaska, Canada, etc., the journey got pretty short shrift. I guess after Mongolia, Minnesota must have been pretty dull. Oh, well. I gave it three stars, which was a compromise between five for the bikes and one for the riders.

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