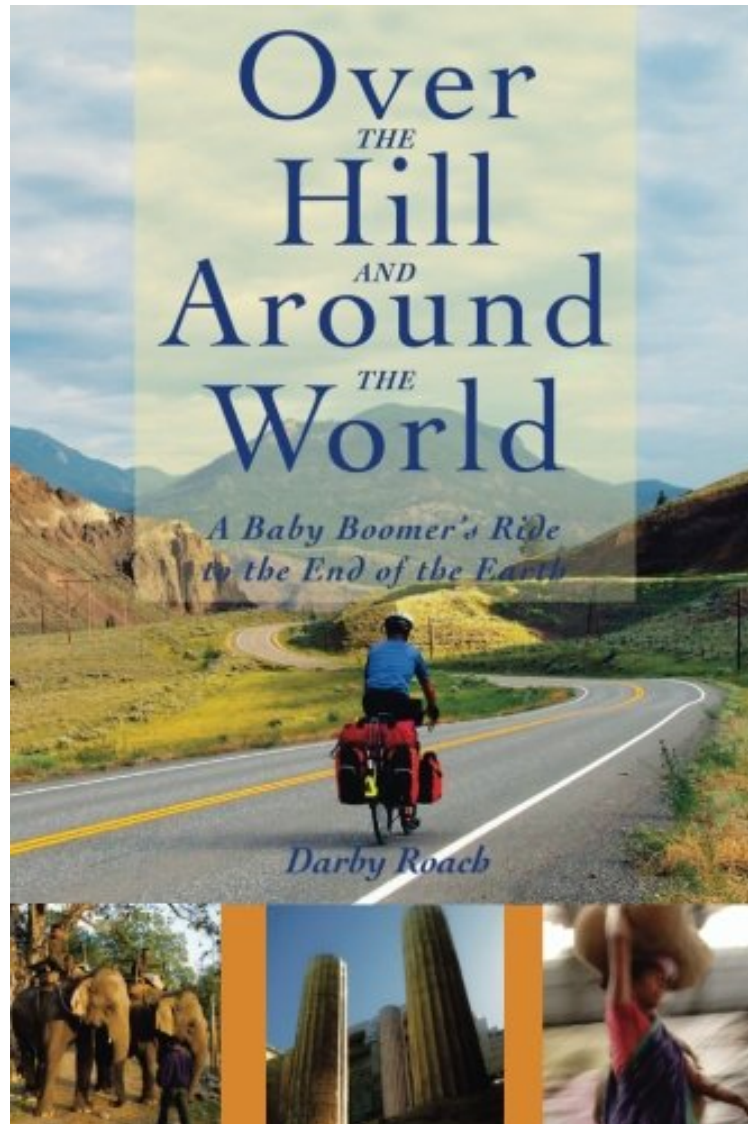


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least another chapter that could have been written about his return to Seattle. He returned a changed man, he said. How did that changed man fit in with his family, etc.? How did he manage the wanderlust he'd developed? But there are many good stories in this book. Mr. Roach had many wonderful and a few terrifying adventures. So despite what I see as a journalistic lack of balance, I would still recommend this book for a long flight or any idle time you should find, so rare for most of us in this day and age. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good Story By David Ortiz Jr. Darby Roach's book is a satisfying little story that relates the small triumphs and small tragedies of the author's round the world bicycling adventure. I liked its pace. I was a little disappointed with the absence of more descriptive history of the exotic locales the author visited. I also expected some larger insight about the trip's ultimate purpose and life philosophy take away. It was not there in anything more than a superficial fashion. Still, the book entertained even if not in the way I anticipated. Hence, for me a solid three star, three and a half star effort. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Story About Racking-Up Miles By Karl J. Hanson I really enjoyed this book. In fact, I've told several people about it. My wife and I ride our bikes on weekends. 42 miles in one day is our maximum. Darby takes cycling to another level, beyond what we are capable - or willing - to do. He began his trip, doing about 40 miles a day (our max), and as he progressed he was able to improve upon that considerably. I was quite impressed with his story, riding through some truly brutal, windy, treeless landscape in the Montana and the Dakotas. I also enjoyed reading about his travels in Europe, especially in Germany and Austria. I suppose that in stories like this, the goal is traveling. As Marlon Brando said, in "The Wild Ones", "I don't know where we are going, we're just going." In this case you could say, "I don't know why we're racking up the miles, we're just racking."

There's something about starting the day on a bike. There's a feeling of optimism and adventure and the sense that anything's possible and nothing's for sure. It's quiet, and the air is pure like scentless perfume. The dust hasn't kicked up yet, and it's so clear that you can see forever. Whizzing past in a car, you get a rough idea of what it's like but you're separated from the world by so many layers that you never get a real feel for the landscape. Cycling lets you tap into the true nature of a place and experience it with your soul. The sun on your face, the beckoning horizon and the rhythm of your breathing all conspire to fill you with the simple joy of being alive and on the road. Twelve thousand miles, seventeen countries, one hell of a ride! Get your 'round-the-world adventure fix today with "Over The Hill And Around The World".