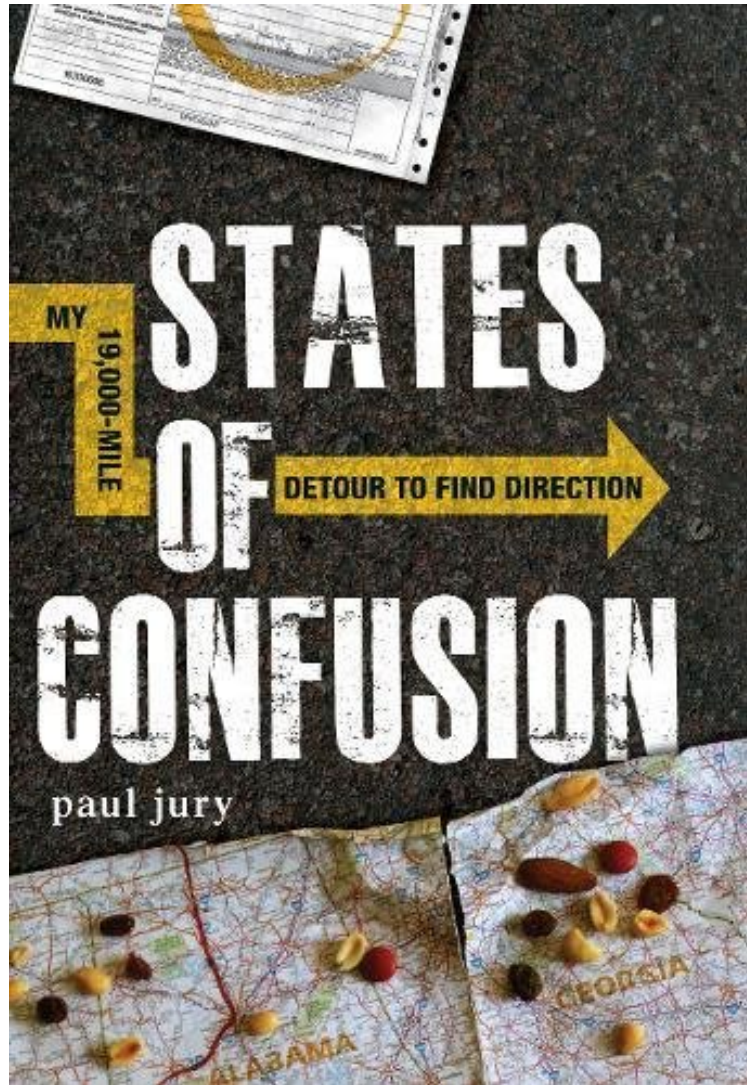


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Ummm....someone needs to grow up? By Mary A. I really tried to like this book but just couldn't. The author has graduated from college and decides to take an all over the country trip to find direction? Some of the stories were midly amusing, but mostly the book was pretty much a big yawn. I felt sorry for the girl friend. Here's her guy wondering all around the country trying to find himself while she continues to

wait and wait and w....well, you get the picture. Then there's his mom and dad who are repairing "the real car" he wanted to use for the trip setting up connections to get it to him so he can continue his journey. I just wonder if he ever grew up and found his direction. If he were my kid, I'd be very sad and very worried. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Already Recommended This Book To My Friends By Dragonfly Magic This book is a must read for anyone who has not yet figured out what they want to do with their lives AND for those who thought they had it all figured out, but are not happy. As someone who was taken on an Adventure like this when I was 13, and who has longed to do a similar one as an adult, I was totally wrapped up in the adventure. Thanks, Paul, for taking me on another circuitous trip around our great country! 19 of 21 people found the following review helpful. Generation gap By Librarian I am not as enthusiastic over this book as so many of the other reviewers, perhaps because I am older than they. While the book is well-written (also well-formatted and a Kindle freebie), I could not relate to the angst of what to me seemed to be an over-indulged, self-obsessed young college-graduate, touring the country to find himself, seeing very little but writing daily blogs about it [SPOILER ALERT], treating his long-suffering girlfriend with disdain and dumping her over the telephone, and finally moving to LA to become a writer (where he still acts like an immature undergrad)--as if, by this point, we still care. At least that's how this seems to someone of an earlier generation whose view of life, inter-personal relationships, and the work ethic are obviously different from this gentleman's. And apart from his search for self and his desire to find his place in this world (as must we all), the book is unsatisfying as a travelogue and is hardly exemplary as anything else. I did not care for it. [UPDATE: Since I wrote the above I notice it is no longer free. I would certainly not recommend paying ten dollars for it.]

Rather than deal with the problems he was facing as a recent college grad, Paul Jury decided to leave them in his rearview mirror. He might not have known the direction his life was headed, but he knew the route he was taking to hit all forty-eight contiguous states on one epic road trip. Filled with plenty of adventure and the unforeseen obstacle (or twelve), *States of Confusion* puts you in shotgun to see where the road takes Paul. All he knows--after crashing on the beer-soaked couch of his younger brother's frat--is that there's no going back.

About the Author Paul Jury graduated from Northwestern University and headed on a road trip before finally getting a gig as a writer in LA. Now, he writes and produces viral videos, and runs a tutoring program for kids looking to make the leap to college.