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Lo Woodland : Sticky Buns Across America: Back-Roads Biking from Sea to Shining Sea before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sticky Buns Across America: Back-Roads Biking from Sea to Shining Sea:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Now Here's a Book Worth Reading! By Raymond Riha Now here's a book worth reading! If you enjoy bicycle touring for the adventure with a twist of history and personal accounts of the

locals encountered, than you'll enjoy this book. Each town or city Leo and his wife pass through or stop over for the night, has a history, whether it's about times long past or that not too distant down the road. Leo has a knack for taking interests in these stops and putting it down on paper. Get a copy of his book, sit down, pour yourself a cup of tea or coffee along with a sticky bun and ride with the Woodlands. Ray3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Great Look at America Through European Eyes By Photoangler This book is not at all a how-to, in fact Leo hardly mentions equipment or technique. In fact, in many ways it isn't really about bike touring, it is about his impressions and experiences while riding across the USA (and bits of Canada), the places and the people. Not all of his impressions are favorable but they are interesting and give us Americans a look at ourselves we don't often see. A really great read whether you are a bike tourer or not. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Should be titled "Euro-Snob Yawns While Pedaling Across America" By Dan McI like long distance cycling travelogues. I ride about 6,000 miles a year in 20-40 mile circles near home, but haven't yet traveled by bike (though I would like to someday). I've read some of Leo Woodland's race coverage and find the style informative, sometimes interesting, and often merely bearable. I expected more of the same but this book was marred by the constant drip, drip, drip of "Americans are fat, Americans are dumb, Americans aren't sophisticated" Euro-snobbery. Yeah, got it. (I speak and read French fluently and get the French thing, but Leo's taking it to a whole new level) It's almost as if Leo and his wife couldn't help it. People were "too nice," a fellow cyclist "too fit," Fourth of July flag-waving Americans "too patriotic" -- it seemed no one quite meets Leo Woodland's standard (except, perhaps, Leo?) Even the Bible doesn't quite meet Leo's high standards (a quip about "The Wages of sin is death" being "grammatically incorrect" exposes Leo's myopic understanding of grammar). While there were certainly sections of prose that were pleasing enough to keep me reading, reading this book was like spending time with a friend who is nice but just can't shut up about himself -- you want to like him, but he keeps getting in the way. There is also precious little information that is usable for a long distance cyclist planning a trip. The towns mentioned are often hundreds of miles apart and huge swaths of the journey are bypassed. I know that isn't the intent of this book and so can't fault it for that, but be forewarned if you're reading it to help prepare. While Leo provides a wrap up paragraph at the end of the book, I can't help but wonder if he ever had fun on this trip or merely endured it as an assignment.

Sticky Buns Across America is the story of one of the four continents and one of the countries Lo Woodland has crossed by bike, this time with patient wife Steph: a tale of riding across small-town America (and occasional bits of Canada, although to Americans that doesn't count). It's not a tale of heroic battling with storms, riots, poison ivy, Americans and other problems. Instead, sit back and enjoy an eccentric account of encounters made and experiences lived. Plus, it has to be admitted, a lot of sticky buns eaten.