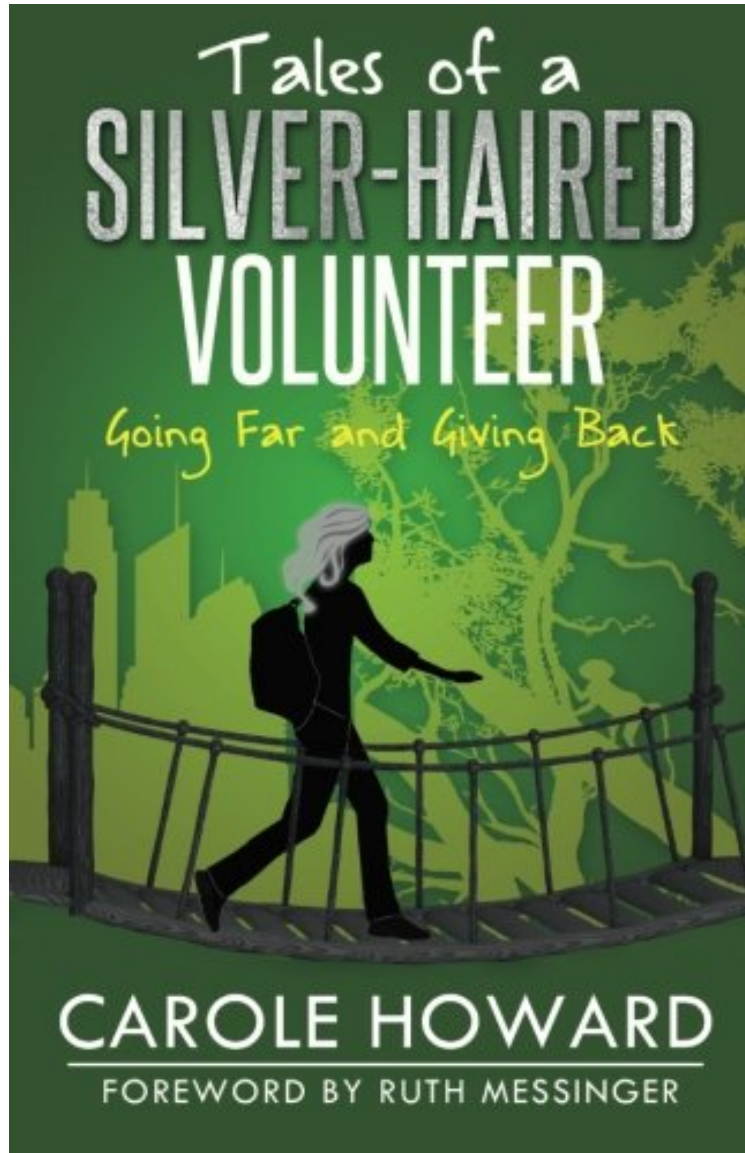


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Crisply-written and oh, so interesting! By Jeffrey Tales of a Silver-Haired Volunteer: Going Far and Giving Back I loved this book. Carole Howard's Tales of a Silver-Haired Volunteer is crisply-written, inspiring and yes, also funny (her wry sense of humor pulls the reader closer into her world of going

far and giving back.) Carole Howard writes about five different overseas gigs that she and her husband volunteered for after they retired from a career of corporate consulting. This is not a travel book. It's an account of working hard in far away places with local non-profits: from villages in Senegal on the edge of the Sahara desperate for water to the back streets of Ghana's capital where getting sex workers a reliable supply of condoms was literally a matter of life and death. Her detailed descriptions of her work with local communities are compelling and dramatic and oh so interesting. If you've had your fill of reading about how retired couples move to Tuscany (or Provence or other dreamy locations) to convert ramshackle farmhouses into charming villas, then *Tales of a Silver-Haired Volunteer* is a must read. It's a superb account of giving back, taking an alternate path after retirement and most importantly about a life well-lived. As Carole Howard writes: We had nothing to prove in terms of how adventurous we could be. We could just find a life and live it. It worked. And so did we.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Great Read! By Pam S. Carole Howard has written a rollicking account of her adventures as a volunteer with American Jewish World Service. She and her husband Geoffrey left their comfortable life in NY to live a not so comfortable life in Africa and SE Asia in order to assist struggling NGO's (Non-Governmental Organizations) get their projects going. The Howards' expertise as management consultants was an invaluable asset to the small grassroots organizations whose very existence depended on donors expecting to see proposals and strategic plans for implementing the projects and accountability for how the money will be spent. This is the backdrop for the book, but the joy of reading it comes from Carole's personal story of meeting and living with the people, getting to know and understand them, and how the experiences changed her life as well as theirs. We start in rural Senegal where western comforts are totally unknown, move to Uganda where on her rare time off she gets to encounter gorillas in the mist, move to the surreal atmosphere of German / African Namibia, to northern Thailand with great language difficulties and an encounter with a not so friendly street dog, and finally to Ghana and a visit to the Cape Coast where so many slave ships embarked for America. For readers who have only dreamed of traveling to distant lands and for readers who've been there, done that, "*Tales of a Silver-Haired Volunteer*" will bring a smile to your face, warmth to your heart and perhaps a desire to go out and do something too!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Inspiring True Story By Anita Page This is a lively and beautifully written account of the volunteer assignments the author and her husband undertook in Africa and Asia. Howard brings to life sublime tourist moments (e.g, coming face to face with a silverback mountain gorilla) as well as the routines of daily living. Her primary focus is the job at hand: the challenges and rewards of applying the organizational skills she and her husband acquired in corporate America to non-profit agencies in Senegal, Uganda, Namibia, Thailand and Ghana. In addition, Howard writes frankly about her personal journey and the ways in which these experiences changed her and changed her marriage. An inspiring story.

When she retired, Carole Howard took a surprising some might call it radical giant step out of her comfort zone. With little idea of what to expect, she overcame her usual risk-aversion and volunteered with her husband to be management consultants for a non-profit in Senegal, West Africa. The experience was so life-affirming they did it again the following year in Uganda. And then three more times after that, in Namibia, Thailand, and Ghana, each time for two months. Her adventure was simultaneously an outward journey (of miles and cultures) and an inward journey (of small victories and self-discovery). While she knew she couldn't save the world, she found that doing one thing for one person or organization in one place is the next best thing. *TALES OF A SILVER-HAIRED VOLUNTEER* is a personal memoir that is inspiring, written with a light (sometimes hilarious) touch.

About the Author Carole Howard is the author of two novels *About Face* and *Deadly Adagio* as well as the co-author of *The Great PARIS WalkPack*. She loves to travel and has been to 50-odd countries so far -- and that doesn't even include places where she only changed planes! She also loves to return home to the welcoming green hills of New York's Hudson Valley.