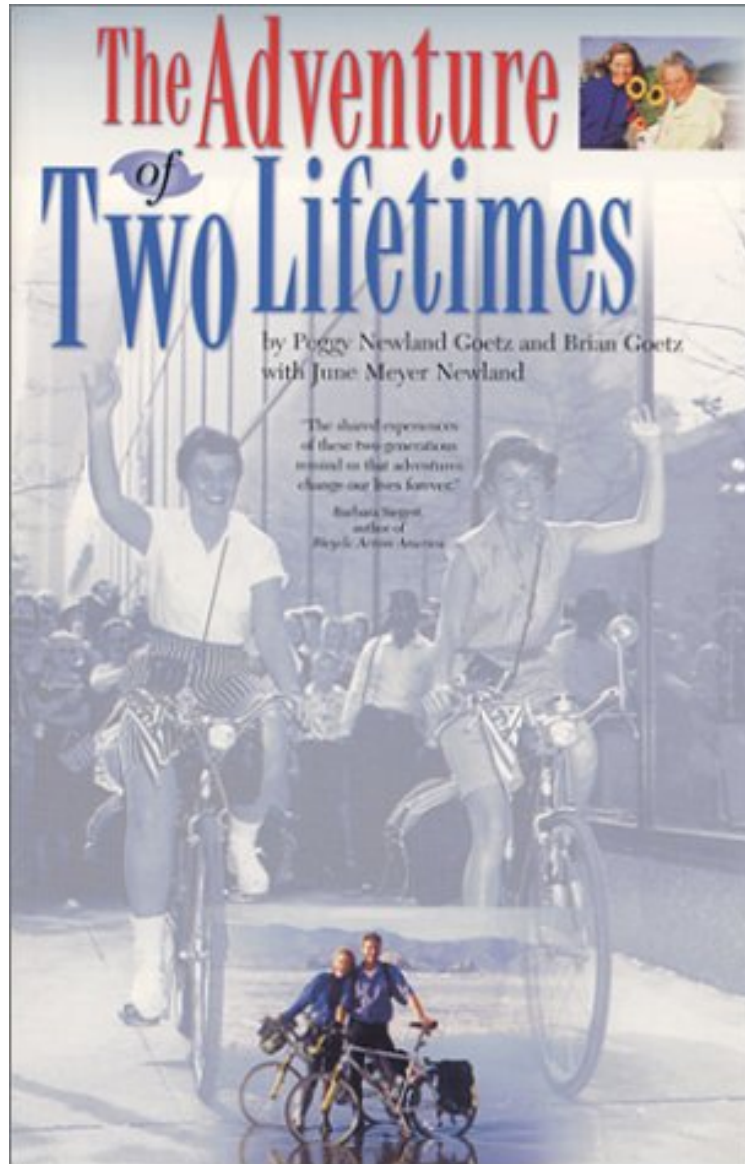


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interesting though with the 1950's material. If you have not read it yet read "Miles from Nowhere" by Barbara Savage instead. Peter Soldan 2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Did This Really Happen? By Randall W. Perkins I hated this book. I admit I didn't finish it, but what I read was dreadful. These people seem to be so impressed with themselves, you'd think no one but them had ever cycled across the country. I'm somewhat upset that I have to give the book one star, because there doesn't seem to be a 'no star' rating. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Part travelogue, part memoir, and all excitement By Midwest Book Review The Adventure Of Two Lifetimes by Peggy Newland Goetz and Brian Goetz, with June Meyer Newland, is part travelogue, part memoir, and all excitement as it tells of an American husband and wife who embarked on a bicycle tour from New York to California. The Adventure Of Two Lifetimes also transcends generations, viewing the great journey through the eyes of mother and daughter and son-in-law. An exciting, fascinating, and unique look at America from the point of view of highly dedicated and exuberant people, The Adventure Of Two Lifetimes is rewarding, enjoyable, thoughtful, and occasionally inspiring reading!

The Today Show, June 24, 1956. June Meyer tells David Garroway that she is looking forward to the adventure of a lifetime as she and her friend Teri Foster leave New York City on a pair of three-speed Schwinn. Neither has any bicycle touring experience, but they want to get to California and see as much of the country as possible along the way. Ninety days later, their adventure concludes in Los Angeles. Forty years later, June's daughter and son-in-law stand before a nationwide audience, explaining to Bryant Gumbel that they plan to follow the same route on their modern 24-speed Schwinn, undertaking their own adventure of a lifetime. The Adventure of Two Lifetimes fuses the story of Peggy and Brian Goetz with the tale of Peggy's mother, June, who keeps in touch during the trip, reconstructing her 1956 journey from her journal and scrapbook. The Adventure of Two Lifetimes compares and contrasts America of the 1950s with America in the late 1990s; towns that were booming during June's trip are now shells of their former selves, stripped by big-box stores and interstates. Friendly strangers opened their doors to the weary cyclists in both eras, but June's idealistic naivete which results in a horrific assault and near-rape is matched by Peggy and Brian's careful cynicism. This is not so much a travelogue of daily mileages and linear directions as it is a memoir of time, of places, of a mother and a daughter. It's a book about how one woman's courage and quest for a place in the world forever changed her life, and how her daughter emerged from the shadow of that feat to find her own place in the world, together with her husband. And finally, it's a book about America and Americans, in two very different generations.

"One of the best touring narratives of the modern era." -- John Weiss, bicycle historian, publisher of Bicycle Built for Two "Peggy, Brian, and June remind us that adventures change our lives forever." -- Barbara Siegert, author of Bicycle Across America