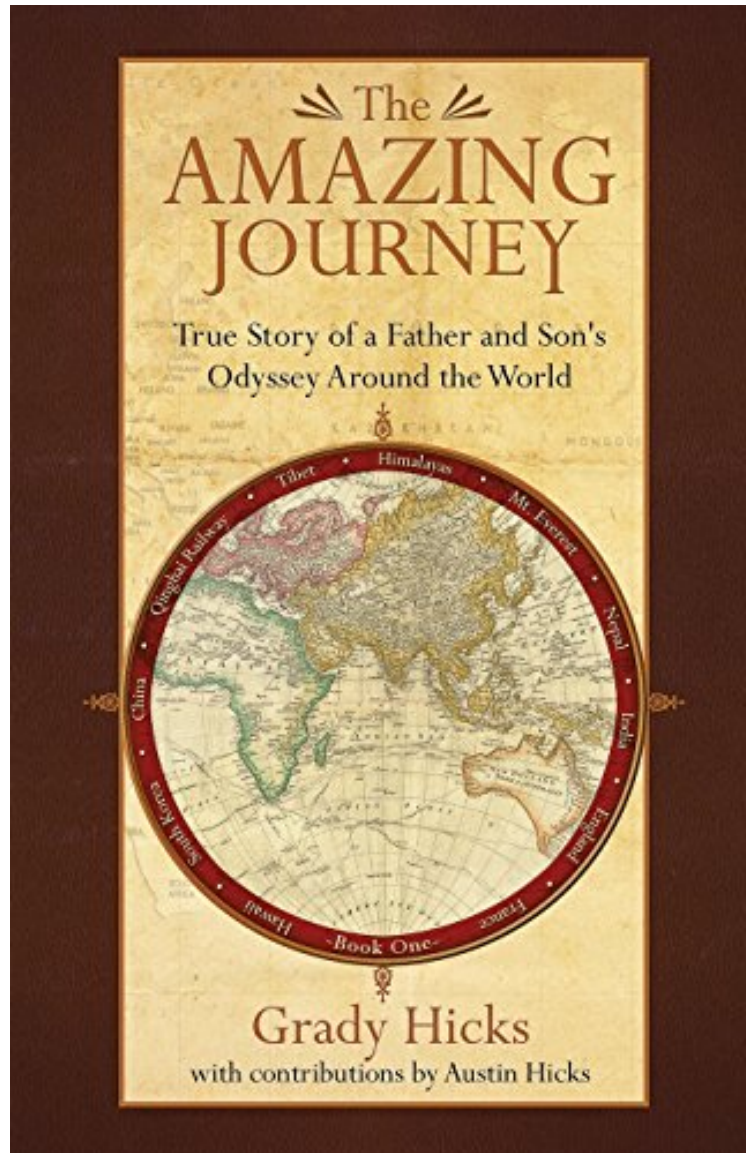


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Beth Enjoyed reading about their journey. Would have

liked more input from the son on his views of everything1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Amazing Journey Book ReviewBy Carly SeverinoThe Amazing Journey by Grady Hicks is an autobiographical tale like none other. Filled with rich history, touching father-son moments and political tension, this book quite literally travels the world around us leaving its readers pontificating over the very real question: despite all our perceived cultural differences, are we really all that separate from one another?Taking place in the transitional period between high school and college for his son Austin, author Hicks plans an around the world trip to teach Austin about the diversity of life and impart global wisdom on him before entering his years at university. Moving from the very commercial Hawaii to the more culturally shocking communist China rather quickly, it is interesting to see how young Austin embraces each experience with an open mind. While not necessarily interpreting the world around them on the same political level his father does, the reader begins to see a change in Austins perspective of the world around him.What is most beautiful about this piece of literature is how openly the inhabitants of different countries accept the American tourists, especially in the very politically-charged China. Where one might expect hesitance of outsiders, there is nothing but an eagerness to learn about the differences in our cultures and an acceptance of one another that transcends the geographical boundaries that separate us.While the book speaks volumes about the diversity of the world and the bonds that can be formed cross-culturally, there are also political undertones that cause the reader to pause and think about the world in which we live. The differences in what freedom means to others. The judgments we place on each others ways of living without realizing that for them, this is the norm. There is a very real disconnect in the way we view governments outside of our own, and a very real desire on the part of the author to bring peace to all whom he encounters on his journey across the globe.By the end of this amazing journey, the reader will long to pack their bags and experience the world around them. This story is more than just about the strengthening of a father-son bond; more than just about imparting wisdom on the high school graduate prior to his studies at university. This book explores the differences and similarities within us all, and sheds light on the beauty of humanity rather than the negativity we all tend to feel against one another. This book will make the reader feel compassion for their neighbor like theyve never before felt. The Amazing Journey will certainly bring out the travel bug in its audience, while instilling a beautiful outlook on the world surrounding them. By learning from each other we can learn more about ourselves and say, There is still hope for humanity; we just need to open our eyes and our minds and search for it. And that is exactly what The Amazing Journey will ask of you.www.backotbook.com0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Becoming a Global CitizenBy ElizabethFROM THE AUTHORAs a family, one of our favorite TV shows has been CBSs The Amazing Race. Whenever we watched, everyone played along, wondering how we would cope if given the chance to attempt the different challenges faced by each competitive team as they raced around the world. Then it dawned on me: in preparation for college and life beyond, my oldest son, Austin, and I would make up our own trip full of adventure really see the world; seeking authenticity as we walked among as many cultures. After all, Austin would certainly grow up with other countriess influence as the world becomes increasingly connected.MY TAKE ON ITI thoroughly enjoyed following Grady and Austin around the globe. They went to some of the big spots such as the Eiffel Tower and Angkor Wat, but also investigated local traditions and lore, getting a more authentic feel of the places they visited and the people they met along the way. In China, after meeting a shopkeeper, they were invited to his home to learn to make authentic Chinese dumplings, which was fun for both families. Something funny that happened in China was meeting a young man named Lung who turned out to be a big Dallas Mavericks fan and gave them the news that the Mavs had just won the championship.Grady and Austins journey is peppered with awe-inspiring vistas and cacophonous cities roiling with unfamiliar scents.. They are able to see the heart of wherever they are through the people they meet. Grady muses on the culture: work, family, religion as well as the politics and world view about the U.S. related to the particular country. From tandem sky diving in Hawaii, shopping at the Chandi Cow marketplac in Delhi, and eating corned beef sandwiches while viewing a performance of Shakespeares Much Ado About Nothing at the legendary Globe Theatre, the Hicks look at each place they visit from a variety of perspectives.Grady and Austin were inspired by The Amazing Race, which I used with my sixth grade geography students, showing the cultural activities in the various locations. If I were still working I would use The Amazing Journey and Gradys website for a project where they could plan their own journey. I can heartily recommend this inspiring memoir to those who love adventure stories, parent/child tales, or are frustrated world travelers like myself.I received an electronic copy of this book for free from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

28 Days-24,000 miles-22 UNESCO World Heritage Sites-12 Cultures and Beliefs-1 Amazing Journey The Amazing Journey is a fast-paced, true story of Grady and Austin Hicks, a father and son who travel the world for twenty-eight days before Austin attends college. Austin is the first of three Hicks children who embark on this globe-trotting tradition with their father. In the spirit of adventure, their route and activities are kept secret-even from family. They complete daily, self-imposed Journey Tasks that deliberately immerse them into cultural authenticity, and far outside their comfort zones. As the journey unfolds, it becomes clear that these travelers are in store for much more than unfamiliar landscapes. From foreign militaries to spiritual clairvoyance, from serious illness to unnerving dares, The Amazing Journey reminds us to connect with people-be it those closest to you or those across the world-to test your

limits, and to trust the Journey.