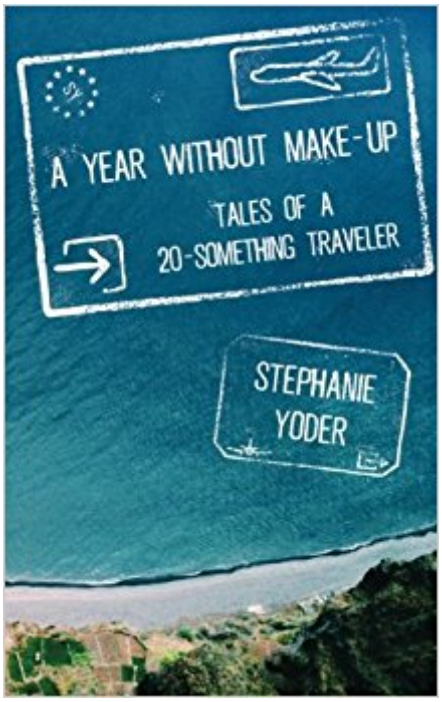
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Synopsis

Have you ever wanted to quit your job and go travel the world? At 25 years old Stephanie Yoder was already fed up with the monotony of 9-5 life. After much agonizing, she quit her stable desk job to backpack around Asia. During a year of travel through Japan, China and South East Asia she became a minor Chinese celebrity, was attacked by giant parrots and met the love of her life. In A Year Without Make-Up, Yoder chronicles some of her craziest adventures along with providing helpful tips and encouragement for others looking to make a life change.

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Customer Reviews

I’m a new fan of Stephanie and I love how her blog is funny and encourages 20-somethings to travel.I bought her book after a few other bloggers did positive reviews on their blogs.Despite how much I like Stephanie’s blog, this is a review of the e-book so I’ll stick to that.The book is made up of improved versions of her old blog posts. I have been wary about books using blog posts but the stories in the book didn’t feel like they were posts. Instead, they felt more like short short stories and were very entertaining.Since I haven’t been following her blog for too long, some of the stories were new to me (for example, the one about 3D porn--you HAVE to read that). Those new discoveries were the best stories in the book.My only gripe about the book is that it is too short. I was able to finished the book within an evening. I understand that $2.99 is the usual price for self-publishing authors but compared to other $2.99’s, "A Year Without Makeup" ended too soon.Still, if you are a fan of Twenty-Something Travel, this is a good chance to support the writer that you like. But the

thought that part of the money will go to Thought Catalog (the publisher) gives me a stomachache.However, if you are looking for a long read about traveling, then Catherine Ryan Howard might be a better choice for the same price.

This book was... Okay. It wasn't terrible. It wasn't awe inspiring. It was literally just okay.The length bothered me the most. At only 111 pages, there should have been a lot more book. There really wasn't much meat and potatoes to it. It had very few specific anecdotes that went into such detail that it transported me to a different time and a different continent. And the spelling and grammar errors drove me nuts. I've read unbeta'd fan fictions with better sentence structure.My advice, wait until this book is available for a penny plus shipping and then get it. It is definitely not worth $13+.

I feel like I just spent several hours curled up on comfy chairs and listened to a friend tell me all about her travel adventures over drinks. Which I love! She tells you how she felt, honestly, and let's you in on the good and the bad of the places where she's been. The good parts are told in a way that makes you want to jump up and go there, with just enough detail to give you an idea of where to start without sounding like a list or an itinerary. And she doesn't really complain about the not-so-good things, rather she made me want to still see some things on my own, but I feel I would be able to observe and quickly move on to things that are more my style. She definitely inspired me to think of long-term traveling as a possibility and not a far-off fantasy.

The story is interesting enough, but the book is really short, only 110 pages, so the price is a little high for the size.Also, the editing is atrocious. There are missing commas at every turn, incorrect verb tenses, and wrong words altogether.In the "About This Book" section she states that she is a "revision addict" but this book could use a serious revision. As a professional editor, I've noticed at least one mistake on every page.

While the writer explores life on the road, she falls into telling us about what she learned, telling us what she wanted/wished/thought, and about how she liked solo travel but ended up going with her fiancÃƒÂ©. If you're looking for quick blog posts, read this. If you're searching for something with more depth, don't bother.

First, the positive: the author spends her life doing fairly interesting and out of the ordinary things. Props for that.Now, what needs work...The structure. It was choppy and felt disorganized, like a

series of blog posts.Editing. There were enough typos to warrant paying somebody to fix it all.Overall, it was short and breezy, but lacked substance. I've heard friends that have done less traveling, and to less exotic places, bust out more interesting stories with more striking lessons while sharing beers at a bar. The lifestyle is the perfect pool from which to draw content, and now I'd like to see her develop as a writer with a stronger voice.

"While your twenties are tough and emotionally exhausting, they are also pretty intense, fun and awesome. ThatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s the reason IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m so keen on people traveling in their twenties. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s such an intense time, when you learn so much about yourself, and travel just accelerates the process. And thatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s what I wanted you to know."

Not a lot of insight or even information on her travels. All the "life lessons" seem pretty cliche. Still, she's pretty brave to have traveled so much and lucky to have found someone to go with her!

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