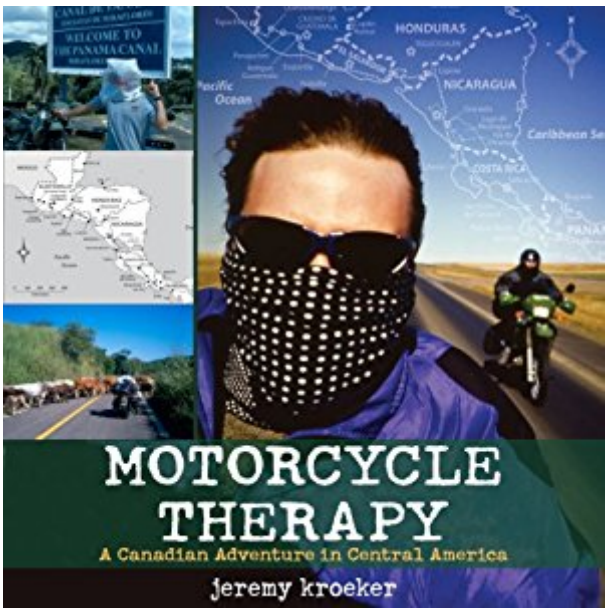
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Synopsis

From the Canadian Rockies to the Panamanian Jungle, Motorcycle Therapy rumbles with comic adventure as two men, fleeing failed relationships, test the limits of their motorcycles and their friendship. Join the horn-honking, signal-flashing, wheelie-popping pair as they endure painful bee stings, painful snakebites, and (when they talk to girls) painful humiliation.

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Customer Reviews

At first I was just reading it for the details of his trip and ideas for perhaps an odyssey of my own, but by the time I'd finished I'd come to appreciate his writing style more. Also, his personality grew on me; there was a certain amount of humility and self-awareness which I was able to appreciate after a while, though at first he seemed a bit oblivious to the privations of the locals compared to his own taken-for-granted wealth. Maybe that's my Aussie bias though, and for all I know this was his device for positioning the reader's expectations where the last few chapters came as a quite pleasant fulfilment of the journey - the reader's journey that is. (I'm imagining the writer reviewing my review, which is why I didn't say "denouement".)In the end I enjoyed it a lot - hence the 5 stars. Thank you Jeremy.One of my favourite parts btw was the bit about the hummingbirds.

Author captures the absurdity that often accompanies motorcycle travel south of the border. Great sense of humor (at least to me who sees life as a laughable perturbation of the cosmos). Funny, well written (in spite of the author's insistence that it isn't). He captures the fascination and irresistable draw of motorcycle adventure. (Me: 11,000 miles around the western US at age 19 with

no knowledge of my ’56 hardtail Harley except that I just wanted to ride to faraway places. Last year: 6000 miles from Texas to the Guatemala border, DR650 at age 71. You just never get it out of your system.) Jeremy Kroeker has clearly been there and done that and delightfully described it for his readers, and well enough that you don’t have to be a biker dude to enjoy this book.

The author does a great job of taking you along on his adventure (and sometimes mis-adventure). Hilarity ensues when pushing the limits of his rudimentary Spanish, stays at should be condemned hotels, and develops an immense dislike for turn signals being left on. If you have ever been on a trip with someone whose personality you didn’t completely connect with, you will undoubtedly enjoy and understand the situations he finds himself in. If you have even a remote sense of adventure, you will enjoy this book. My wife is not a fan of this book (and no, she didn’t read it), because it has rekindled my desire to buy a KLR650.

A few hours of escapism for a dream yet untried but experienced in the writings of others. The fun of the book for me is it has always been a romantic idea to hop on a bike and say good bye and see how far my wallet will take me. Clearly it is easier reading about someone else who has done this, so it does act as a reality check. Refreshing thing about this book is that the author does not restrain his personal insights and experiences about traveling, both his own short comings and character deficits and those of others. Likewise, it seems that he writes with a perspective that is both honest and ironic with well developed sarcasm and debatable apologetic nature. However, this was a good read that I did enjoy and it is good to see how a person can fulfill such a trip on very little money.. with no sponsors...Worth the read.

I enjoyed this book very much. In some ways it was like reading my own journal, not because I’m particularly similar to the author but because as a fellow two wheeled traveler his observations on friendship, personalities, and character are so universal. He tells his story with candor and great humor. I would recommend it to anyone who has ever traveled with another person.

I have now read quite a few books on travel through central and South America. This book does not add much useful information but it is a decent book. The book gives me the impression that multiple coauthors did a lot of polishing to make it sound like it was written by an English professor.

In the end, I liked this book much more than I thought I would after reading the first pages. He starts

out seemingly proud of being inept and unprepared. As the book goes along, you find out he actually did do his homework. The title of the book does not make sense until the last few pages. In the end, I hope he finds whatever it is that he's looking for.

I love this kind of book. I've ready many of them. To me, Ghost Rider by Neal Pert is far and away the best of the breed, but Jeremy has a good story to tell and tells it pretty well. I have a buddy in Canada who had a similar adventure, with a similar riding partner, but he didn't put up with the "stuff" as long and made most of his adventure alone. This is a pretty good read, though, and will keep you entertained.

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