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Alaska By Motorcycle - Are You Sure You Know What You Are Doing? (Adventures Of Airborne Andy Book 1)



Synopsis

This short travel log was written by an inexperienced motorcycle adventurer on his first long-distance motorcycle trip. It tells the author's personal story by recounting the highlights of each day and includes many photos. However, it does not include: instruction on how to prepare (other than listing the resources that the author used), motorcycle setup, detailed descriptions of daily activities, or the latest adventure gear. Please read the sample chapters before you purchase. Thanks for looking. 11,260 miles, 25 days, 5 bears, 4 tires, 3 close encounters, 2 oil changes, 2x out of gas, 1 crash, 1 fire, 1 blizzard, 1 dog fight, 1 thousand mile day, and 1 conversation with God! "Alaska by Motorcycle - are you sure you know what you are doing?" is the story of one man's experience braving the unknown on a motorcycle journey into the remote regions of the Yukon, the Northwest Territories, and Alaska. With many years of motorcycling experience but new to long distance Adventure Touring, the author embarks on an unforgettable journey that revitalizes him physically and emotionally. The wilderness, the elements, the solitude, and the sheer distance take their toll as a rookie overland motorcyclist develops into a seasoned Adventure Rider. The experience also has an astonishing impact on the authors' future as it opens the door to a whole new world of exciting possibilities. "Alaska by Motorcycle - are you sure you know what you are doing?" is a Motorcyclist's travel log, of an incredible journey that strengthens his body, stirs his soul, and changes his destiny.

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Customer Reviews

I'm glad that "Airborne Andy" has so many great adventures on his motorcycle. Sounds like they are actually very interesting trips. However, I believe he should focus on his trips, and keep his writing to free online blogs instead of trying to make money from authoring books that he knows the riding community would want to read. First, this book severely lacks content. It's 120 pages in length, covering a 25 day motorcycle trip. Out of this, approximately half of it is very low-quality black and white pictures. Entire days, which would have covered wonderful scenery and curvy roads that could be described to those people that will never have the opportunity to ride to Alaska, are covered with just one or two paragraph of text about his riding and adventures on that entire day. Seriously? Isn't the idea of a book supposed to be bringing in the reader on the journey that the author is taking? Second, don't get this book for the photos. Many of these are of the same staged picture, of his DR650 sitting at the same angle and distance from the camera with a backdrop of scenery. If you want a book that covers some details about the D2D (Dust to Dawson) ride, or about the Dempster Highway, then there's some good info in here. However, other great riding roads the author took have the reader wanting more information...much more...about the experiences to be had and what is to be encountered. The Dalton Highway, one of the hardest roads in North America to ride, is woefully covered. The run through Atigun Pass happened so quick, that one doesn't get the feeling of actually going over the mountains. And the visit to the Arctic Circle sign seems like the author was simply at a regular stop at McDonald's instead of at one of the most famous motorcycle landmarks in the world. Others loved this book, and that's why I bought it...on their reviews. I found the writing to be very elementary in tone and comprehension, as if the author wrote this extremely quickly to try to turn out a book. In fact, the writing style reflects that of a poorly written web blog. This books needs to be properly edited, and the descriptive writing of the rides within the adventure vastly improved. Those with adventure riding experience are going to want much more "quality" out of this book. Luckily, it was not expensive at under six bucks shipped, but the point is that it just is not worthy of any amount of money. Interested readers can read entire blogs, be pulled into very large ride reports on advrider online, and save their money for more farkles or chrome for their

bikes. I love a good adventure read; unfortunately this is not one of those. Very boring book, and I cannot recommend to anybody other than somebody maybe wanting a motorcycle-themed story to help their child learn how to read. That's too bad, because this type of book has so much potential and it achieved nothing close to what it could have been.

Nice journal of his adventure, entertaining. However, typos and "stream-of-consciousness" style make it obvious there was no editing. I was hoping to find a how-to guide for my planned trip, but except for "don't make this stupid mistake too" examples, it's not going to do that for the potential reader. HOWEVER, what it does is give a good gestalt of what life is like on the road in Alaska, which is a critical part of trip planning, and the price is right!

I enjoyed the read---but am not planning such a ride so I don't have much 'retention' (but that may not be the book's fault).

A fun, insightful peek into Andy's head around his trip to Alaska. It shows what it takes to put together a "quick" trip and turn it into an adventure.

a quick read and written in easy and enjoyable style. I was expecting more on preparation and equipment. And also some notes and observations on accommodations. The writer might have gone too far on daily legs, so that there just wasn't time and energy to observe and write. Anyway a good read for all motorcycle touring fans, buy it.

I really enjoyed this book. I have it in the Kindle version and is on my phone. I've read it twice now and still go back to some of the chapters from time to time.

I rode to Alaska once on a KLR 650 and am planning to do it again. Thought I would read this book to see what I could learn. It is an entertaining read.

Nice story but just a day to day diary. Some interesting adventures make it a fun and quick read. Could perk your interest but not a good primer for a trip.

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