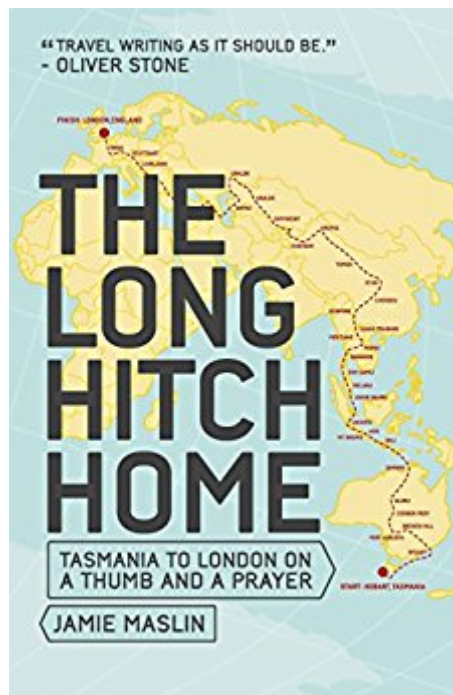




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Travel: The Long Hitch Home: Tasmania To London On A Thumb And A Prayer



Synopsis

Tasmania to London. One end of the globe to the other. 800 hitchhiking rides. 18 thousand miles. Four seasons. Three continents. 19 countries. How many rides does it take to hitch from Tasmania to London? Rogue wanderer Jamie Maslin decides to find out, propelling him into a high stakes adventure of a lifetime that sees him tackle searing desert, freezing mountains, tropical jungle and barren steppes on little more than a thumb and a prayer. The Long Hitch Home is a dynamic mix of heart-thumping adventure and well-researched social, cultural, and historical commentary on the score of countries Maslin encountered during his arduous, and at times life threatening, journey home. Whether writing about exotic backstreets of cities few of us will get to see, or unique wonders far off the beaten track, Jamie Maslin gives a thrilling and often hilarious account of what it is like to hit the road and live with intensity and rapture. Reviews: "Travel writing as it should be, fusing riveting travelogue with the sort of suppressed political history that screams out to be heard. The chapters on Laos and Indonesia will be a revelation for many, breaking the silence on epic crimes carried out in our name. A vivid and compelling read that gives a voice to those we never hear." • OLIVER STONE "An extraordinary journey crammed with rich imagery, extreme adventure and the sort of humour that makes you laugh out loud in quiet places. It is the characters Maslin meets who stand out the most, the people whose kindness and hospitality renew your faith in humanity." • KATHERINE PRESTON, author of Out With It "Very well done. Arouses many poignant memories." • NOAM CHOMSKY "Finally! A travel book for adults interested not only in seeing "œtourist sights" but understanding the social and political background behind them. The author has done his homework, and you're the beneficiary. Travel with this book and you'll return home not only a satisfied tourist but a better, more educated, and wiser citizen of the world than when you left. Travel only broadens the mind when we're prepared to dig beneath the surface, and this book is indispensable to doing so." • FRED BRANFMAN, author of Voices from the Plain of Jars "Readers who have been waiting for Tucker Max to travel more fully will be thrilled to discover Maslin's antics | an honest and gripping travel narrative." • KIRKUS REVIEWS

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Customer Reviews

Such a great read - once I got started it was hard to put down. Jamie's story was amazing, insightful, clever, funny and uplifting. He painted such a wonderful picture of the world through his eyes and told many amazing stories of the different characters he met and the history of the countries he visited. I have recommended this book to many of my family and friends.

Good travel read, I enjoyed it

A great book about how traveling makes you alive, but it's also about coming home so it's not that simple (which is to me a compliment). It's also a great opportunity to understand better many different countries of our world, through the characters Jamie Maslin meets on his road, and through his explanations about some countries' History (the unofficial side of History, but well documented anyway). You may not agree with everything, but it's always interesting, often moving in different ways, and sometimes really funny ! Just be prepared, if you decide to give it a try : this book may have a great impact on your life, since you'll want to see all these places by yourself ! But you will be right.

I really enjoyed this book. I was lucky enough to purchase the book at the Salamanca Markets from

Jamie and I purchased it because I love to travel. I wasn't really expecting much but I was pleasantly surprised. The book kept me interested right from the start and I was disappointed when I finished it as I loved escaping into Jamie's world. His knowledge of local history of the various places he visited was excellent. I can highly recommend this book and look forward to sharing it with my young son, who I think, would love to travel as Jamie does.

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