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Borders: A Solo Circumnavigation of the United States on a Russian Sidecar Motorcycle:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great! But too short!By R. LaRueWhy is it that women seem to make better motorcycle travel writers than men? Carla King, Lois Pryce, and Karen Larsen have produced some of the best motorcycle travel books out there. King's story is particularly good because she knows her way around the mechanics of her bike. She writes, not only about herself, the places she visits, the people she meets, and the riding experience--but also about the machine. For many m/c travel writers, a bike is just a transportation tool. But for some of us, its a companion too. For King it was often an aggravating companion, but her affection for this (at the time) untried brand comes through. Her style is sure and spare, and her observations have just the right amount of color. So why only 4 stars? It's way too short! I think it is a distillation of an on the road blog, which I have not seen. But I was hungry for more--all the way through2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Worth buying again. (I did)By JgrKyMs. King is an excellent writer and apparently knows her motorcycles as well. I purchased this book from her at a motorcycle event not long after it first came out and loaned it to someone who enjoyed it enough not to return it. So I bought it again, read it again and it was well worth it.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A really great read which I liked so much I had a ...By CustomerA really great read which I liked so much I had a copy sent to my brother as well. Unfortunately my copy was eaten by the dog of a friend to whom I had loaned my copy (loaned to the friend, not the dog). Oh well. Carla King is a truly adventurous spirit and a reflective person capable of recounting the insights she gleaned despite being plagued by adversity on her journey. Not merely a travelogue nor motorcycle book, but a personal and philosophical expedition.

An exploration of the borders between the United States, Canada, and Mexico on an unreliable Russian Ural motorcycle with sidecar becomes a comedy of breakdowns in small towns all around America. This four-month, 10,000-mile adventure spans moments of blissful backroads freedom, cultural connection, and roadside romanceinterrupted by cracked welds, electrical gremlins, evil tow-truck drivers, tornadoes, and hurricanes. From British Columbia to the Blue Ridge, Boquillas to Beverly Hills, this is an intimate exploration of the United States and its neighbors.

I read the book with delight, like enjoying a box of chocolates all by yourself; and I highly recommend it. --Alexia Parks, author of Rapid Evolution, Seven Words That Will Change Your Life Forever!