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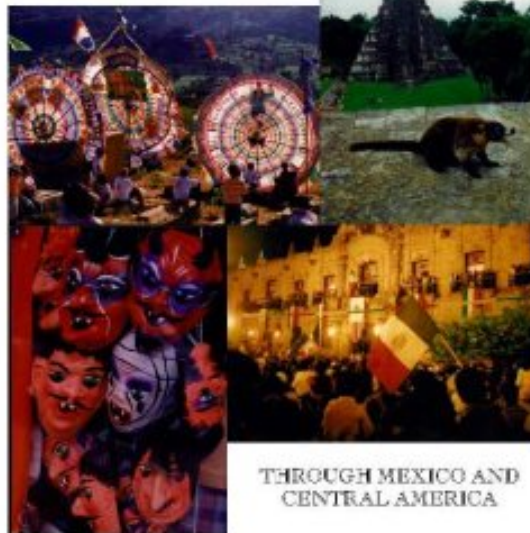
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Glen David Short : An Odd Odyssey: California to Colombia by bus and boat, through Mexico and Central America before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised An Odd Odyssey: California to Colombia by bus and boat, through Mexico and Central America:

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accounts of people who had traveled through the Darien Gap overland, and this book was not one of those books but the sample chapters were interesting enough that I bought it. The sample chapters (which were generous, thank you, and a very large part of why I bought the book) are an excellent idea of what the book is like, so if you read those you will not be at all surprised by the book. I appreciated that there was very little filler, and I got some sense of what it must have been like traveling through Central America - it read more like a travel journal than anything else, which I believe was the intent. I have mixed feelings. For the most part it was entertaining, and there is some interesting history sprinkled throughout the book. I don't know if I would buy it again for eight dollars, maybe I would. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting
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It's a little bit dated, but it was interesting and I enjoyed it. It was a good value for the price. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Interesting and different
By Lee Wilkinson
This book is several books in one. In addition to his varied personal experiences on the road, it includes some well researched history of the countries he visits, both ancient and contemporary. He talks about the big people in history, like Cortes, Clinton, Subcomandante Marcos, Leon Trotsky, Frida Kahlo and Manuel Noriega. He then gives equal attention to the little people he meets along the way, like the Mexican museum curator whose family had been guarding an ancient relic for several generations. He even travels to Paul Gauguin's house with a Playboy Bunny he met in a youth hostel. But he also engrosses the reader with his thoughts about his personal life, most interestingly, his romance with a Nicaraguan girl. Hurricane Mitch, which strikes when he is Guatemala and devastates the region, adds a sinister backdrop to his odd holiday, but in the end he achieves his goals despite numerous setbacks. It is a little bit like a collection of short stories, since it is written in diary form, so each day represents a new thought, and a new mini adventure. The stories about the crocodile and the monkey I almost wouldn't have believed except that he included photos in the book. I especially liked his description of his climbing of the volcano... and was left feeling it is much more enjoyable - and safer - to read his description of it than to attempt such a feat in real life.

This book is about the author's five and a half month journey through Mexico and Central America. It describes the places he visited, people he met, and his experiences through ten different countries during the time that Hurricane Mitch struck the region.

"... a slightly different perspective ... a lively, occasionally glib yet down to earth and honest account..." -- Reader, July 20, 2006
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Glen David Short currently lives in the Republic of Colombia where he teaches at the British School of Cartagena.