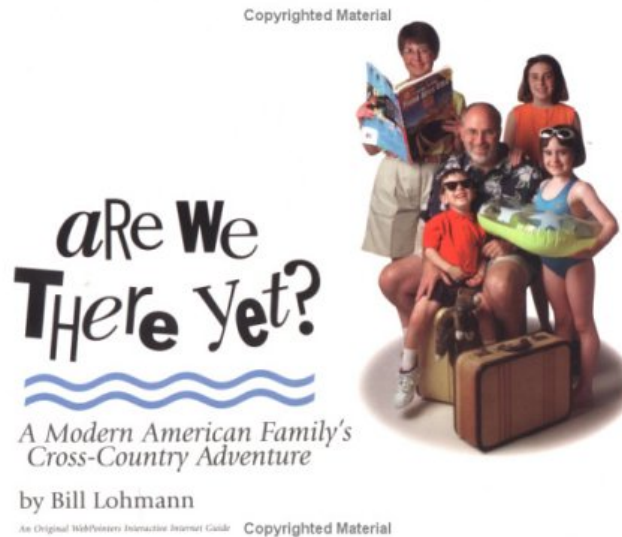


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William H. Lohmann Jr., Bill Lohmann : Are We There Yet? A Modern American Family's Cross-Country Adventure (Essential Website Series, 4) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Are We There Yet? A Modern American Family's Cross-Country Adventure (Essential Website Series, 4):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Cross-Country Trip Is a Journey of the Heart By Randy Fitzgerald "One van, two parents, three children, seven weeks, 28 states, 10,000 miles": that's the summary of a cross-country trip writer Bill Lohmann and his family took in the first summer of the new millennium. That blurb only begins to summarize the great adventures Bill, wife Robin, and children Melissa, Alexandra and Jack had in the mother of all family vacations chronicled first in Bill's articles in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, where I first read them, and now in his book Are We There Yet? This is a wonderful book by a wonderful writer. Lohmann as a reporter has covered Southern politics, religious fights and prison riots. But as fearless as he, I don't think he understood what he was getting into when he talked his editors into letting him take not just a two-week traditional family vacation but a seven-week odyssey in a conversion van named Big Blue, packed with everything three children could con their parents into letting them bring along. He didn't realize what sleeping five to a tent or even five in an occasional motel room could do to his constitution. But he and his family got a vacation they will never ever forget, and his Richmond readers got an account of America they hadn't seen since they last read John Steinbeck's Travels with Charley or William Least Heat-Moon's Blue Highways. Now the rest of the country can read about characters Lohmann discovered along the way, like Will Harbut, Man o'War's groom, dead like Man o'War since 1947. We can watch Mark McGwire slam batting practice home runs in St. Louis; sit in the stands at the Iowa field where "Field of Dreams" was

filmed; become dude cowboys or cowgirls at the Western Pleasure Guest Ranch in Sandpoint, Idaho; ride along the "world's crookedest street" in San Francisco; peer at the stars in Yosemite National Park; stand on a corner in Winslow, Arizona; ride a boat through a New Orleans swamp; see the Big Chicken, the mechanical bird looming over a KFC in Marietta, Ga.; and reminisce about our own family vacations. Inspired readers can even get cracking on their own adventures. Website addresses throughout the book and a "Looking Back" final chapter make vacation planning a snap. I recommend this book to those who were kids in the backseat of a car or wagon or van and to the parents who drove and navigated in front, and to all those others whose great family vacations are about to begin.³ of 3 people found the following review helpful. The Swiss Family Lohmann By Jack Warner This is a wonderful book. It's a travel book, of course, but it's also a family relations book, an adventure book and, above all, a humor book. Bill Lohmann, working for one of those rare newspapers that rewards a reporter with imagination, convinced his editors to send him, his wife and his three children on a seven-week motor trip to California and back. It must have been a rare treat for readers of the Richmond Times-Dispatch to read his dispatches every few days, wondering what disaster might befall before the next report reached print. A lot of families might not have survived a social experiment like this. Lohmann's trip put the family through plenty of trials, but insofar as one can tell no blows were struck and no one was left behind. Indeed, as Lohmann put it, good luck always seemed to follow bad. The family camped out in Yellowstone, where Lohmann professed himself greatly in fear of bears, without any sort of encounter with the local fauna. But upon pitching their tent on a Florida beach, every critter in the neighborhood came to examine them. Lohmann is a graceful writer with a fine, self-deprecating sense of humor that infuses every page. By the time they get back to Richmond, you feel as though you know his children very well. Buy this book, and read it one chapter a day.² of 2 people found the following review helpful. Are We There Yet? By Patricia Brightwell I highly recommend this delightful book about this unique family's cross-country adventures into the vacation highlights and gift shops of the lower 48 States. Travel with them as they tour familiar sites and out-of-the way stops, and answer the burning question of just how much dirty laundry can fit into the back of a conversion van, as well as read of their encounters with baby walleroos in Oregon and rascally bison in Montana. Sing with them as they stand on the corner of Winslow, Arizona and then as they make their way home. It's a wonderful book, and with its internet interactive links, will provide hours' of laughter and information about this wonderful country we call home.

1 Van. 2 Parents. 3 Children. 7 Weeks. 28 States. 10,000 miles. One heck of a vacation!

From Publishers Weekly What do one van, two parents, three children, seven weeks, 28 states and 10,000 miles add up to? The answer is *Are We There Yet? A Modern American Family's Cross-Country Adventure*, a new trade paperback (including a downloadable Web travel guide) by Bill Lohmann, an award-winning feature writer and columnist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch. The author, who writes about family issues for the newspaper, suggested he cover a real family cross-country vacation for the Times-Dispatch and his editors agreed to the idea. With boundless joviality, common sense (including what not to do), fun facts particularly useful Web sites and family members' take on various sites the articles became a practical, upbeat book, proof positive that Lohmann's harebrained idea was really a mastermind's scheme in disguise and that every family that's game should do the same. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. About the Author Bill Lohmann is an award-winning feature writer and columnist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He previously worked for the Charlottesville Daily Progress, The Richmond News Leader and United Press International Bureaus in Richmond, Orlando and Atlanta. He is a native Richmonder and a graduate of the University of Richmond. As readers quickly learn, he and his wife Robin are the proud parents of Melissa, Alex and Jack.