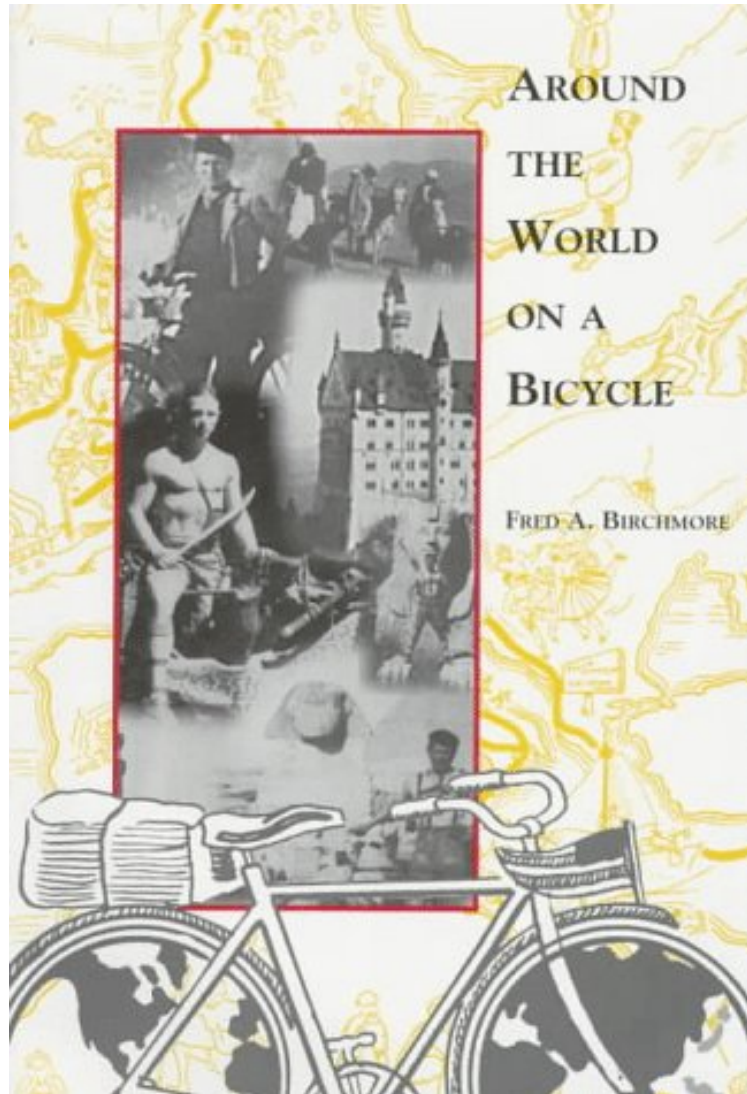


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Fred A. Birchmore : Around the World on a Bicycle before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Around the World on a Bicycle:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating Story that's Almost Unbelievable! By dieter brock still rocks #5 forever I heard about Birchmore's journey through a friend who read about him in some obscure online news article. I then kept my eyes open on and jumped at the chance to get a good used copy for 5\$. I found the book hard to put down, although I have to say that I felt it only hit its stride once he got out of Europe and into Egypt. Some of the other reviews mention how it was interesting from a historical perspective, however, I think that's where this book let

me down. It hardly mentions anything about the political and economic situation in Europe at the time. It would have been fascinating to hear more about that. Clearly this book is more of a blow by blow account of his journey and really feels a bit like reading someone's travel journal. Having had the chance to do a lot of traveling over the last 6 years, it was interesting to hear of his experiences in some of the exact places I've been. His description of the Banyan trees in Angkor Wat resonate very clearly with what I recall seeing, as was his trip down the Nile and his visit to Petra. The most political and one of the most interesting sections of the book describes the persecution of the Jews who were settling in the area that is now Israel, then Palestine. Very interesting. However, there's no doubt that for me the highlight of the journey is the Afghanistan section and his experience with the people there. Given the strife they've had since the '30s with the USSR, Taliban, and now the war makes it all the more intriguing. What is obvious beyond a shadow of doubt by the end is that Mr. Birchmore had a reckless sense of adventure and a never die attitude that saw him through tremendous challenges. I came away with the distinct feeling that despite his personal strength and resolve, it was God's grace that saw him through to the end. At the end of the book I had the urge to fly down to Georgia and see if I could find a way to meet and visit with this amazing man.

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By Rick Regan
Ol' Fred really got around! His story covers his around-the-world-on-a-bike journey - in 1935! The real interest to me is a description of the pre-WWII world. He describes some of the situation in Germany as things get dark. He visits Palestine and Egypt with comments about his own experience and reactions. He heads across Iran and Afghanistan, down through India and a harrowing voyage through Burma. It is quite a ride!
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It was sad to hear of Fred's passing last year at age ...
By Rider
Very interesting read. It was sad to hear of Fred's passing last year at age 100.

Book by Birchmore, Fred A.

In 1935 25-year-old Birchmore circled the globe via bicycle: *Around the World on a Bicycle* presents a lively armchair adventure which examines his many lively world encounters and the trials of visiting relatively primitive environments via bicycle. A fine blend of history and cultural insights: delightful and fun. -- Midwest Book