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**Pam Goodall : Riding It Out** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Riding It Out:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. pretty good,By Bob NeubauerI found this book in Portland, Oregon's excellent Powell's Bookstore while on a visit. Never heard of it previously, and I've read dozens of cycling travelogues. I'd rank this in the middle-upper tier among the books I've read: Fairly well written, some good stories of

the situations she got herself into, definitely an ambitious journey, and I learned many things about the ways people behave in the countries she visited. Indeed, I enjoyed hearing how differently people treated her from one country to the next--from friendly in one place, to stand offish or hostile just over the border. However in nearly every anecdote she related about an experience, I found myself wanting more information. What she did tell us was nice, but even more description would have made it better. Along the same lines, I was disappointed when Pam glossed over whole periods of time, leaving me wondering what had happened then. She might mention in passing that, a week before, she had met two other cyclists. Suddenly I wanted to know who they were, where they were going, what difficulties they had encountered. And why didn't she tell us about them when she met them, not a week later? Stuff like that left me wanting more. (Yes, I know on a long journey like this, you have to leave something out.) Don't get me wrong, I did enjoy this book. But one part that I was looking forward to proved a letdown. She ended in the U.S., my country, and I wanted to read a British cyclist's perspective. Unfortunately this was the end of her journey, so she skipped over a lot, and even took buses to cover ground more quickly. Guess I can't blame her; it was the end of a long trip. But I would have liked more commentary on her U.S. experiences. Still, it was interesting to read about her hunt for a place to set up a tent each night. When I biked the east coast, I had similar experiences, asking people if I could tent on their land, getting funny looks and excuses. And just like in Pam's experience, some pastors were not very interested in showing love and kindness to a tired stranger. Her description of peoples' reactions to her requests for tent space were most enlightening and amusing (though not always amusing to her at the time). In summation: Pretty good account of a solo bike ride around the world, through many countries that don't see long-distance cyclists (let alone female ones). Worth reading. Bob <http://www..com/Two-Wheels-Map-Bicycle-Journey/dp/0615120555/1> of 1 people found the following review helpful. A courageous expedition across cultures By Ted Pritchard This is the story of a woman's bicycle trip around the world, which in itself would be an accomplishment, but Pam did it when she was nearly 60, and she did it alone. With her limited belongings stuffed into four panniers, she traveled east across Europe, then southerly through Turkey toward Pakistan, China and Hong Kong. In North America she rode from Mexico City to Texas, through the deep South to Atlanta, and finished in Charlotte, NC. Impressively, this story is more about the people she met en route than it is about herself, although she comments wryly on all that transpires with characteristic British humor. Her experience with Chinese male eating habits, for example, is hilarious. I was greatly impressed at how many complete strangers went out of their way to help her - providing food, shelter and guidance - out of respect for what she was doing. The mere request to pitch her tent in people's back yards brought a range of responses, many admirable, but also a few squirmy apologies from duplicitous religious practitioners. This glimpse into the soul of humanity offers many lessons about what we as a global society are capable of - both mind-numbing pettiness, as well as tremendous generosity and courage. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating Saga By Justin Wheating It's amazing to realize that a woman, by herself, can bike around the world. This account of her experiences is fascinating and one can only imagine the courage it took to make this trip. I highly recommend this book for anyone who has a dream and seeks the inspiration to realize it.

Having made the daring decision to set off around the world by bicycle, Pam Goodall left the comfortable surroundings of her home in West Sussex one spring morning, and went on to pedal her way through Europe, Asia and America. She was approaching her sixtieth birthday and travelled alone. *Riding It Out* is a record of this remarkable journey, giving a vivid and lighthearted account. This includes the trials of finding a place to sleep each night, the reality of owning a Brooks saddle and choosing to ignore persistent warnings from well meaning strangers of the dangers lurking ahead for a lone female cyclist. The challenge of obtaining visas throughout Asia proves nerve-racking and costly. This one woman tale of adventure encapsulates the spirit of freedom of the open road (or bumpy track) so that you can enjoy the experience without the discomforts.