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Von Simon Hood : Bicycle Kicks (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bicycle Kicks (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A thoroughly enjoyable trip through a football seasonVon M. FenlonBicycle Kicks is all about one lower-league football fan and his trip across the length and breath of England, following his team over the course of a season. Incredibly, the author decided to undertake this journey by bicycle, attempting to reach each and every away fixture, regardless of the distance involved and inconvenient fixture lists. Bear in mind that the English leagues have no winter break, and even though his team play at a level equivalent to the Regionalliga in Germany, there is no geographical split; the teams are spread across the whole country and there are matches to be played every week of the year from August to the end of

April...Aside from documenting this crazy adventure, raising money for an Alzheimer's Disease charity, the book itself is very enjoyable, with many interesting historical, geographical, and footballing anecdotes, while giving a real insight into the experiences of a football fan who has little chance, but just some hope, of having a successful season.

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