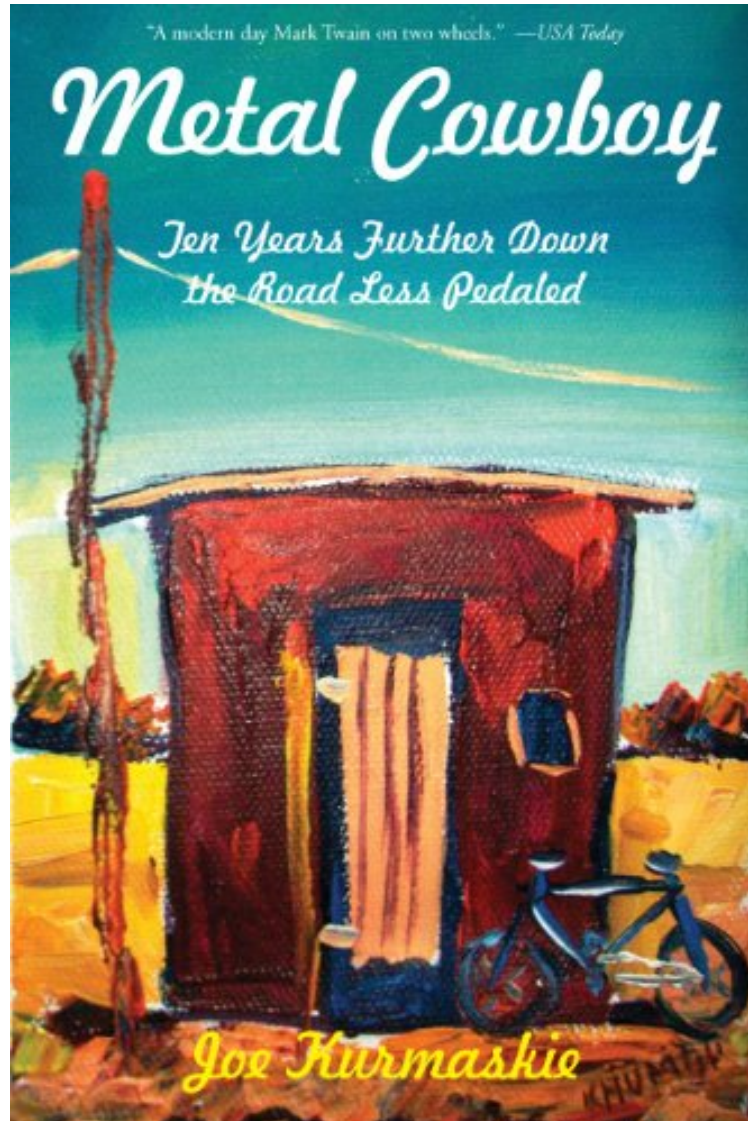


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Von Joe Kurmaskie : Metal Cowboy (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Metal Cowboy (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. These 40 stories take the reader on a delightful ride.Von Ein KundeJoe Kurmaskie's first book, "Metal Cowboy," is fashioned from loos, flowing prose, the kind that invites adjectives like "witty" and "insightful." But heart-warming, feel-good travel narratives are easy to find. It is more unusual to read one that fosters a deeper understanding of the overall experience and transcends mere outrageousness. These 40 "Tales From the Road Less Pedaled" do not follow

chronological order. Instead they jump around - from childhood sailing trips to crossing the Rocky mountains to spending a season on the island of Aruba - and focus more on developing a conversational yet intimate manner with the reader. Most of the stories feature a quirky man or woman, somehow alienated by society, who is living life on their own terms, determined to follow their heart. Either they live in a small town and share an experience with Kurmaskie, or they spend a few hours or days cycling with him. Elvis impersonators, a double lower leg amputee, a flamboyant Italian barber, overprotective geese, and a bomb-builder turned zealous rockhound are merely a sampling of the characters Kurmaskie meets on the road. However, Kurmaskie doesn't rely on extremes to keep his book engaging. He deftly tackles difficult subjects, too, and displays a remarkable aptitude for compassion and contemplation. For example, in "Doing the Hokey-Pokey," Ranada O'Ryan, a high-school drop-out turned factory worker takes Kurmaskie to her senior prom and he graciously plays the part of adoring boyfriend. He connects with parents who have lost their children to accidents or disease, assists a man suffering from AIDS, and struggles to make peace with both loggers and environmentalists. Overall, he understands many readers crave a vicarious experience, one that satisfies their sense of adventure and enhances their understanding of people. His stories are full of optimism, zaniness and insight, a winning combination that will take readers on a delightful ride. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I would like to shake Mr. Kurmaskie's hand Von Joseph Ionno (bikemessenger@hotmail.com) This is one of my absolute favorite books. I first heard about it from a friend after telling him that I was considering touring the country on my bicycle. He referred me to the website and from there, I knew I had to own the book. The selected tales at the website are only a sample of the ingenious stories told in the book. The only complaint I had about the book is that I wish it could have been longer. Don't get me wrong, it's not a small book, but I just wish that I could read a little bit of it everyday. Mr. Kurmaskie writes in such a descriptive manner that you really feel as though you are riding along with him. He can truly capture every emotion of a situation. I can't wait for another book to be released by him. I will be the first in line. I also hope that someday I will get the chance to meet the metal cowboy and shake his hand. I will only tell him one thing..... Ride on, Ride on. (bikemessenger@hotmail.com) 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I really wanted to like this book, but... Von Ein Kunde Joe Kurmaskie has written a travelogue/ slices of life book based on several cross country bicycle trips (and one to Australia). The stories are pretty engaging and optimistic, and the author has obviously worked hard in an attempt to be entertaining. I am a bicyclist who has done some touring, so there were a lot of reasons why I really wanted to like this book. But there is so much hokiness, bragging, and pseudo-philosophizing in these stories that I could only read it in small doses. Kurmaskie has talent as a writer. I guess it seemed to me that instead of being content with his small stories he tried to make them big, huge, epic, deep. But he overinflated his mental tube. The result- a blowout at 30mph. He overreaches so much he sounds silly instead of profound.

Kurzbeschreibung Insightful, humane, sublimely amusing Metal Cowboy finds nobility in the common man, explains true bicycle-love, celebrates the beauty of the country, and charmingly relates encounters with malcontents and misfits. Most of all, Metal Cowboy is a quest. It is the record of a young man seeking meaning in the world, trying to find what is good in the people he meets, what is good in himself, and a route off the prescribed roadways of life. David Sedaris trapped in the body of Lance Armstrong. Beacon Journal The Metal Cowboy is crazy, wise, funny, and living the dream all cyclists have riding off to see the world on a bike. Don't miss this ride with him. Bill Strickland, author of The Quotable Cyclist Like the travel books of Bill Bryson, Kurmaskie's collection of essays focuses on the unexpected and the little known. Travelogues are a dime a dozen, but the ones that find something fresh and unusual to talk about are fairly rare. Here readers will see the countryside the way they've never imagined it. A thoroughly delightful excursion. Booklist An infectious celebration of life, a sort of two-wheeled version of Chicken Soup for the Soul. . . . Endearing and even hilarious. The Boston Globe Joe Kurmaskie rolls with a keen sense of comedy and a big heart. Christopher Moore, author of Lamb and A Dirty Job Nobody roams or writes with more manic energy or enthusiasm for the hard life than Joe Kurmaskie. Jay Atkinson, author of Paradise Road As Melville is to the sea, Mark Twain to the raft, and Kerouac to the car, Joe Kurmaskie is to the bike. Andrew Lewis Conn, Author of P and The Last American Novel Kurzbeschreibung Insightful, humane, sublimely amusing Metal Cowboy finds nobility in the common man, explains true bicycle-love, celebrates the beauty of the country, and charmingly relates encounters with malcontents and misfits. Most of all, Metal Cowboy is a quest. It is the record of a young man seeking meaning in the world, trying to find what is good in the people he meets, what is good in himself, and a route off the prescribed roadways of life. David Sedaris trapped in the body of Lance Armstrong. Beacon Journal The Metal Cowboy is crazy, wise, funny, and living the dream all cyclists have riding off to see the world on a bike. Don't miss this ride with him. Bill Strickland, author of The Quotable Cyclist Like the travel books of Bill Bryson, Kurmaskie's collection of essays focuses on the unexpected and the little known. Travelogues are a dime a dozen, but the ones that find something fresh and unusual to talk about are fairly rare. Here readers will see the countryside the way they've never imagined it. A thoroughly delightful excursion. Booklist An infectious celebration of life, a sort of two-wheeled

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