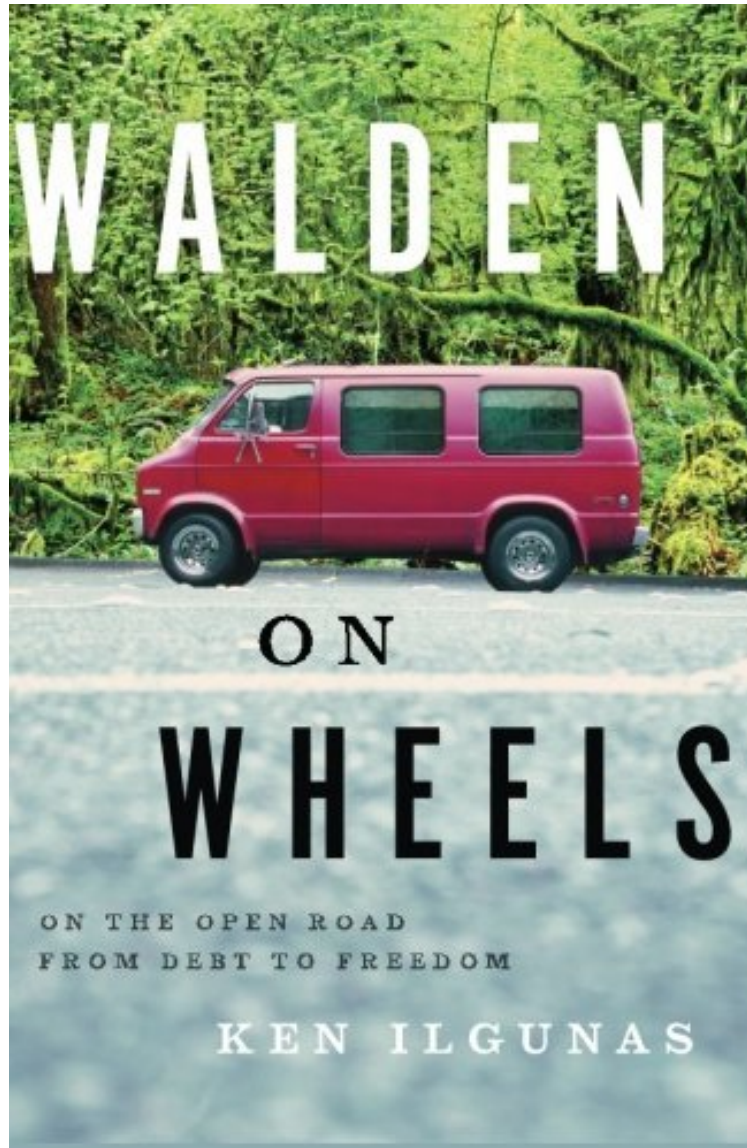


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hatte einen Ratgeber mit der Hintergrundgeschichte einer Biografie erwartet. Weit gefehlt: Die Geschichte beginnt nämlich mit dem begonnenen Studium des Autors. Da ist das Leben im Van noch in weiter ferne. Stattdessen begleitet der Leser den Autor von einer streckenweise noch recht jugendlich und unreifen (altersentsprechend) Bachelor-Studentenzeit über das Abarbeiten der Schulden (und das damit einhergehende Erwachsenwerden) und das Master-Studium im Van. Durch diese fast schon coming-of-age Erzählstruktur bekommt die Geschichte unheimlich an Tiefe, folgerichtig und stringent werden die einzelnen Schritte auf dem langen Weg zu der Entscheidung aufgezeigt, sich bewusst neben die Normen der Gesellschaft zu stellen, es wird bewusst auf eine zu sehr epigonale Nacheiferung verzichtet. Ergänzt wird das Buch durch eine poetische Sprache und gekonnte Erzählweise, die nicht anbiedert oder langweilt. Ich empfehle das Buch uneingeschränkt.

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