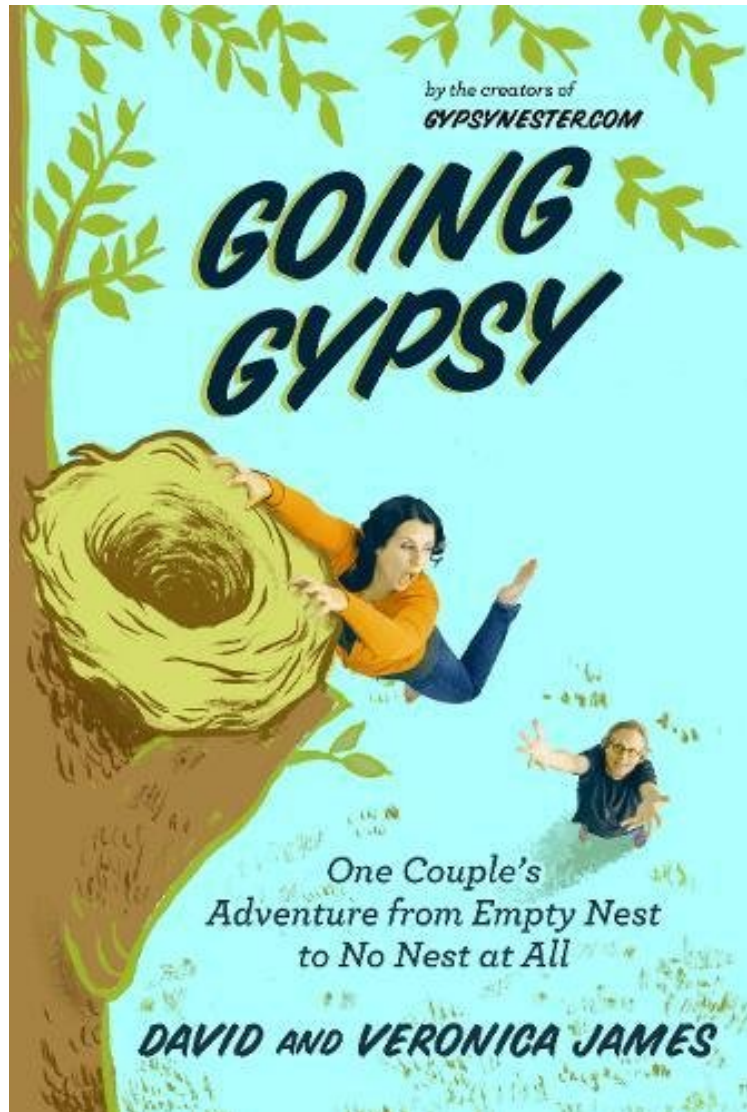


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David James, Veronica James : Going Gypsy: One Couple's Adventure from Empty Nest to No Nest at All before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Going Gypsy: One Couple's Adventure from Empty Nest to No Nest at All:

28 of 28 people found the following review helpful. This really isn't the narrative you want if you're looking ...By James M WarrenThis really isn't the narrative you want if you're looking for a book about discovering the world in an

RV. Most of the book was about the kids and visiting relatives, not any sort of real adventure. I finished it only because I kept hoping for snippets of excitement on the back roads of America and for connections with other road travelers. That did not happen. If you are looking for a book about family dynamics, this is the book for you, but if you are searching for a "Travels with Charley" a "Blue Highways" or a "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance," you probably need to keep searching. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Thought this might be a good read to convince my wife on the rv lifestyle. By CustomerWas wanting a book about the thought process of deciding on full time rving and some of the challenges and joys. Thought this might be a good read to convince my wife on the rv lifestyle. This book was a big disappointment! There is very little about rving and the lifestyle....it is almost entirely about the wife's psychological struggles of having an empty nest. After reading half of the book, I skimmed over many parts to get to those related to rving. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Two Perspectives, One Story. By Lynnette RossAn enjoyable read of the heart/head struggle of family leaving home, the evolving idea of giving up possessions, then taking to the road in an RV to catch up with extended family in the USA, all while enjoying the sights along the way. It many ways it was a return to the way of life BC (before children) when the heart ruled the head of a very young couple, with most people not giving the relationship much chance of surviving the years. The perspective of both parents was an inspired idea in writing this story, acknowledging a mother's internal struggle as the last of her brood leave home and the viewing of events through two pairs of eyes, not necessarily seeing life and events in the same way. Especially poignant for the mother given her parenting style, as her husband was absent for much of the time through his music commitments. What stopped me from giving a five-star review? I felt that while there were lengthy descriptions of the internal wrangling of heart and head, there was not a similar emphasis when it came to descriptions of some of the roads driven or places visited. For a reader who does not live in the USA, I would have enjoyed a little more geographic description. I felt towards the end of the story, it became more of a summation of events quickly passing by, rather than a little education. Many would argue that memoir is not about education however, I dispute that argument in that memoir is often what influences some of the choices that a reader will make about visiting a particular place or country. That aside, it did not stop my enjoyment of the struggle the parents, and particularly the mother, faced on their continuing life journey as Gypsies.

Almost every couple faces a now what? moment as their last kid moves out of the house. There's a big empty nest looming over this new and uncertain stage in their lives. David and Veronica James chose to look at this next phase of life as a beginning instead of an ending. Rather than staying put and facing the constant reminders of empty bedrooms and backseats, a plan began to develop to sell the nest and hit the highway. But could a homebody helicopter mom learn to let go of her heartstrings and house keys all at once? Filled with a sense of adventure and humor, *Going Gypsy* is the story of a life after raising kids that is a celebration of new experiences. Pulling the rip cord on the daily grind, David and Veronica throw caution to the wind, quit their jobs, sell their house, put on their vagabond shoes, and go gypsy in a beat-up old RV found on eBay. On a journey of over ten thousand miles along the back roads of America (and a hysterical, error-infused side trip into Italy), they conquer old fears, see new sights, reestablish bonds with family and friends, and transform their relationships with their three grown children from parent-child to adult-to-adult. Most importantly, they rediscover in themselves the fun-loving youngsters who fell in love three decades prior.

"If you are tempted by the awakening of your own long-dormant wanderlust, *Going Gypsy* can serve as a primer. . . . The questions [Veronica] poses about 'what next' are relatable ones for all empty nesters." PBS's *Next Avenue* "Any parents who have gotten through the launching stage of life with their sense of adventure (and humor) intact deserve our attention. They got mine! If I could be on the road again and I guess we really all can this is how I do it. An empty nest just means the kids have learned to fly. How nice to know the parents can too!" Lenore Skenazy, author of the book and blog *Free-Range Kids* "It's quite a talent to turn a midlife journey into compelling and amusing reading, and the authors of *Going Gypsy* clearly have that talent. There are as many smiles as miles in this unique travel memoir told in the voices of both halves of a newly nest-emptied couple. Veronica, especially, shares her internal struggle with genuine insight after all, she's been a very involved mother of three kids. Can a couple really just sell the nest and take off in an RV with hardly any plans? Seems so, and we lucky readers vicariously get to enjoy it all with them." Susan K. Perry, creativity blogger at *PsychologyToday.com* and author of *Writing in Flow*, *Loving in Flow*, and the empty-nest novel *Kylie's Heel* "Warm, funny, clever, and inspiring makes you see the fun in being empty-nested, whether you take to the road like David and Veronica or stay at home and reinvent your life with the sense of adventure they found on their journey." Linda F. Burghardt, PhD, author of *The Happy Empty Nest* "A thoroughly charming account of a romp across America and beyond by childhood sweethearts who discover life without children, rediscover the joy of thirty years together, and learn firsthand the magic of living with eyes wide open to the wonders of a new and independent life." Victoria Zackheim, editor of *Faith: Essays by Believers, Agnostics, and Atheists* "As soon as I read the dedication I was 'in,' and the rest did not disappoint. I found myself chuckling at every turn. Loved the writing style as well." Rayya Elias, author of *Harley Loco* "Veronica and David's story reminds us [that] when we set out in search of adventure what we really discover is ourselves." Karen McCann, author of *Adventures of a Railway Nomad*

"Charming and adventurous . . . Reading their book feels like they are sitting down with you and telling their hilarious adventures over a couple of smart cocktails. . . . A great book to read when you're on vacation." Arthur Wooten, author, playwright, and creator of *The Dizzy Traveler*