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Tim Cahill : Road Fever before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Road Fever:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The mother of all road trips, worth a readBy Jeff WignallI have to say that I loved every word of this book and I can't wait to read it again. Yes, the first 100 pages or so (which is a lot, granted) are kind of slow slogging setting up the financing for their epic road trip, but as someone who always

dreamed of creating such a wild project, I still found it fascinating. Most authors would skip over this preemptory material and get right down to the trip, but then you'd be sitting there halfway through the book wondering, "Where the heck did the guys get the money and the truck to make such a wild journey?" Once Cahill and his partner get underway, it's a riot to read just how unprepared (after a year or more of preparing!) they were for some aspects of their trip. And when you read the *scary* accounts of crossing the Andes, all of your fantasies of "Gee, I'd love to go on an adventure like this" simply vanish--they vanish over a 7,000-foot cliff to certain death (in a snow storm). If you are a devoted nonfiction reader and you can muster the patience to read the backstory of how this trip came to pass, I think you'll really appreciate the time you invested and just how amazing the road trip really was (from Tierra del Fuego to Prudhoe Bay). I have to admit I was a bit disappointed that the end of the journey (the U.S. portion) seemed like it was rushed (in the writing) and I wish they had gone into more detail. But I gather that after a month of almost nonstop driving and very little food or sleep, they were both pretty much hallucinating. Anyway, I love adventure books. Would love to find more like this.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very well written travel account

By jurgfella This is a very funny, well written travel account by a seasoned travel writer. The narrative follows the record-setting 24-day drive from Ushuaia at the southern tip of Argentina to Prudhoe Bay in Alaska, set with professional long-distance driver Garry Sowerby, mostly following the Pan-American highway. As some reviewers have noted, it takes the book a little while to get going, as it spends a lot of time on the preparation for the trip, and some of that might have been better handled via flashback. Also, in some ways not that much happens on the trip -- Cahill and Sowerby spent a good amount of time preparing for eventualities that never happened -- but Cahill does an excellent job of giving the reader the feel of the trip, and how dangerous certain parts of Central and South America were (and unfortunately still are). All in all, a very well-done book.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great read

By Kahuna Minor I love this book and wish Tim Cahill would write more feature length books instead of the short stories of most of his other work. It is laugh out loud funny in several places and I have embarrassed myself in public numerous times. I already had this in hard back, but I bought the Kindle version so I could take it with me - along with so many other books - when I'm on the road.

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.com If you define "adventure travel" as anything that's more fun to read about than to live through, then Tim Cahill's Road Fever is the adventure of a lifetime. Along with professional long-distance driver Garry Sowerby, Cahill drove 15,000 miles from the southernmost tip of Tierra del Fuego to the northernmost terminus of the Dalton Highway in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, from one end of the world to another, in a record-breaking 23 1/2 days. Just like the authors' camper-shelled GMC Sierra truck, the narrative bounces along at a relentless pace. Along the way Cahill and Sowerby cope with mood swings, engine trouble, Andean cliffs, obstinate bureaucracies, slick highways, armed and uncomprehending soldiery (not to mention the challenges of securing O.P.M., or Other People's Money--the sine qua non of adventure, Cahill observes). Author of such off-the-wall travelogues as Pass the Butterworms and Jaguars Ripped My Flesh, Cahill is equipped with the correct amalgam of chutzpah and dementia to survive what can only be called "The Road Trip From Hell." Readers, however, will thoroughly enjoy themselves.

From Library Journal This is a hip, rather self-indulgent, yet ultimately triumphant account of an attempt to break the Guinness Book of World Records time for a road trip from the tip of South America to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Cahill and endurance driver Gary Sowerby spent 23 days piloting a truck while battling customs snafus, mechanical problems, bad roads, civil rebellions, terrorists, bandits, the vagaries of weather, their own anxieties and mood swings, and physical exhaustion, with grit and bluff, sporting lapel pins and consuming donated four-month shelf-life milkshake packages. For all the comic-opera aspects of the text, Cahill is an informed, serious commentator on the history and prospects of the countries through which they pass. Readers familiar with Cahill's alternate lifestyle point of view will know what they are getting into. Fans of his contributions to Outside and Rolling Stone, and of Jaguars Ripped My Flesh (LJ 10/1/87) and A Wolverine Is Eating My Leg (LJ 2/15/89) will grab his newest work. For others, expect a treat.

- Libby K. White, Sche nectady Cty. P.L., N.Y. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Inside Flap

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