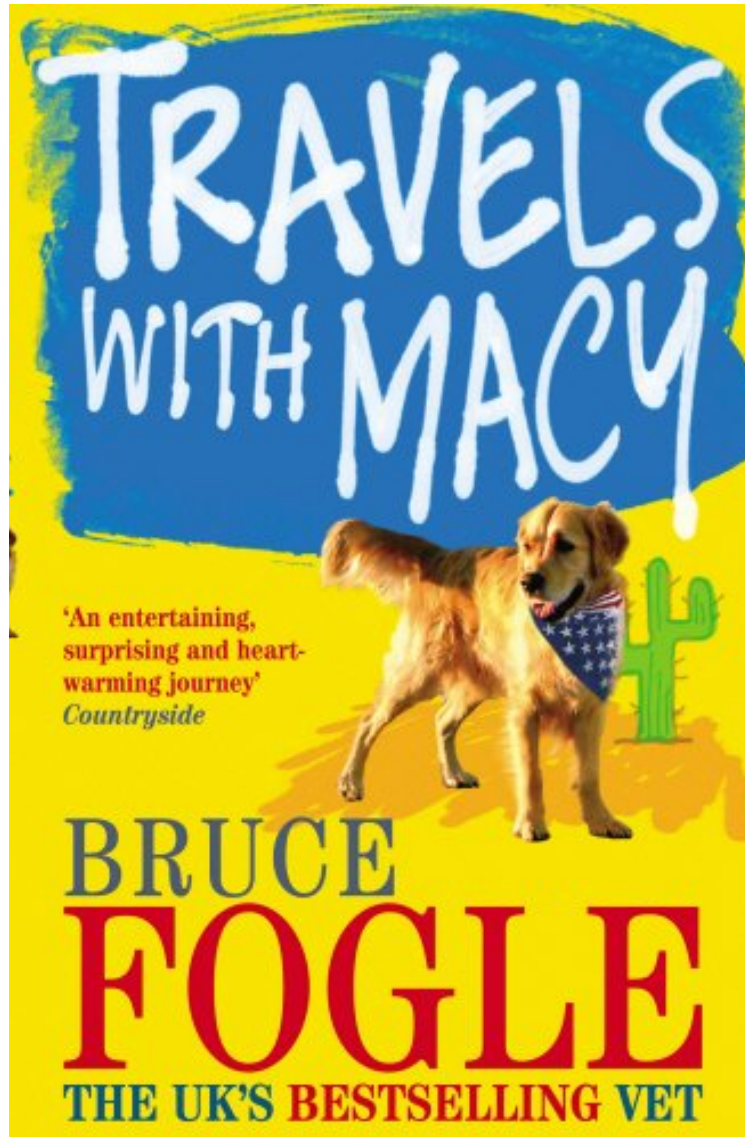


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Bruce Fogle : Travels with Macy before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Travels with Macy:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Loved itBy Michael FaulknerIf you own a dog, enjoy travel writing or have an interest in North America, I can thoroughly recommend Travels With Macy.It is enlightening, witty, involving - and extremely well written. It tells the story of the author's journey round rural and small-town North America, broadly following the route taken by Steinbeck in his 1962 classic, Travels With Charley. For transport,

Fogle chose an iconic thirty-year-old GMC motorhome, and for company his adored - and adorable - golden retriever Macy. Their adventures are recounted with the exuberance of Macy herself, and after covering 10,000 miles in the author's easy company I felt that I had gained a new insight into the rich diversity of a continent which is often surprisingly - and in a nice way - out of step with the march of time. 'Is there anything better', says Fogle, 'than bacon and eggs, buttered toast and dark coffee, all by yourself on a cloudless morning, on a mountain top under the big blue sky of Montana?' Well, no. This is one of so many passages where I found myself nodding, and smiling. Along the way, Fogle talks freely to the people he meets, itinerants like himself in RV camps and pull-offs, farmers, pump attendants and fellow dog-lovers; and it says much about the man that he finds these people almost universally giving, of their stories, their politics and, strikingly, their hospitality, in return. Towards the end of the book Fogle says, 'I hadn't expected to fall in love', and although he's referring specifically to the charms of Northern New Mexico, he also means the continent at large, the place of his birth, and if I understand him correctly - 'home'. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This wasn't a bad book, but not a great one either. By Yolanda S. Bean Though marketed as the recreation of one man tracing the steps of John Steinbeck's *Travels With Charley*, this is more like one man's trip that was inspired by John Steinbeck's travels, as there were many diversions from the original path. It is a fun read in that it is certainly the type of vacation that I would like to take with my own dog some day. But it is rather disappointing that Fogle skirts around Illinois. Due to that and some other major "misses" his tour of America simply does not feel complete. My main pet peeve throughout the book is the way Fogle consistently referred to his golden retriever and his wife collectively as "The Blondes"... I may have chuckled the first time, but after a while it started to really bother me. Though really, Fogle seems to prefer not to use his wife's first name at all - he also refers to her as "the chief" which is rather unclear in the beginning. Also, the book has many dull moments and at times ventures into feeling more like reading someone's private diary than a book meant for the public... I mean, I don't really care what he ate for dinner every single night! The constant underlying political tone quickly becomes more than a bit annoying as well, since I wasn't expecting to read about that, and was hoping for more about his dog, seeing how different dogs are treated across America... some of that was in it, but he spent much more time obsessing over the political climate than he did calling his wife by name or focusing on the title character of the book!

After a thirty-year career as high profile vet, columnist, presenter and author Bruce Fogle decided to leave urban Britain and take a journey with his dog Macy. Travelling in the footsteps of the great American novelist John Steinbeck, who published *Travels with Charley* his standard poodle in the '60s, Fogle set off in search of the North America of his childhood. Would he, after all this time, be able to work out whether home meant the UK or America? Would he find the welcoming, peaceful backwaters of his youth unchanged?