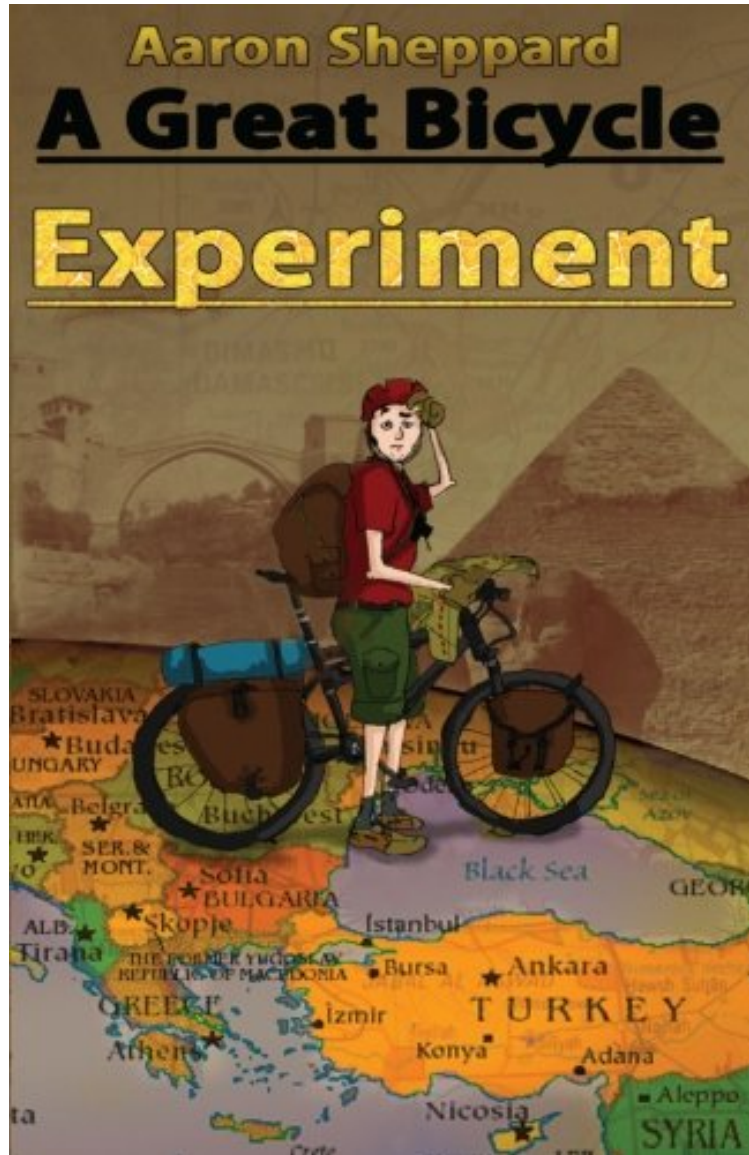


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Aaron Sheppard : A Great Bicycle Experiment before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Great Bicycle Experiment:

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Great Read!By Jan PetrarDisclosure: I was involved with the final edit and publishing upload of Aaron's book... BUT... Let me explain. Aaron and I met through taking Tai Chi classes together. He was, by far, the youngest in the group which I found intriguing. But then I REALLY became intrigued when I overheard him talking to a fellow classmate in Mandarin! I said to myself "Where did this guy learn Mandarin,

and what is his story????" Fast forwarding, I learned that he was in the final stages of writing a book. I had time on my hands, so I offered to help. I was presented with several hundred pages of his typewritten manuscript (and the electronic copy) and simply did the editing corrections he had handwritten into the manuscript. Then I uploaded it as a proof to ... and when the book proof came from , I volunteered to actually READ the book for a final edit. I remember calling Aaron after about the first 200 pages and telling him how much I was enjoying his book! What a great read it was! How perceptive he was! Humbly, I am somewhat of an afficianado of travel memoirs, and THIS is one of the ones I have enjoyed the most! And I have absolutely no interest in biking! Admittedly, it starts a little slow in Western Europe, but once he gets to Turkey! Look out! For me, it became a page turner!

It took 10,000 kilometres and 12 months to transport Aaron Sheppard by bicycle through 20 countries in an adventure that was started to quench the author's curiosity of the world off the beaten track. The trip began with the hustle and bustle and ease of Western Europe and moved to the still somewhat chaotic East, where church meets mosque and tradition fights for its existence against modern consumptive aspirations... then to the Middle East and all its history, where kindness couldn't help but have one questioning taught versions of history, dispelling myths about the people of those lands.... And into the Balkans whose recent past is soaked in violence while set against incredible beauty and friendliness that confuses even the best of travellers. Amongst it all are the characters, the people that habitated these lands as well as the people in passing that make the trip. Experiencing abundant kindness as the author cycled from one adventure to the next changed the way he saw the world.