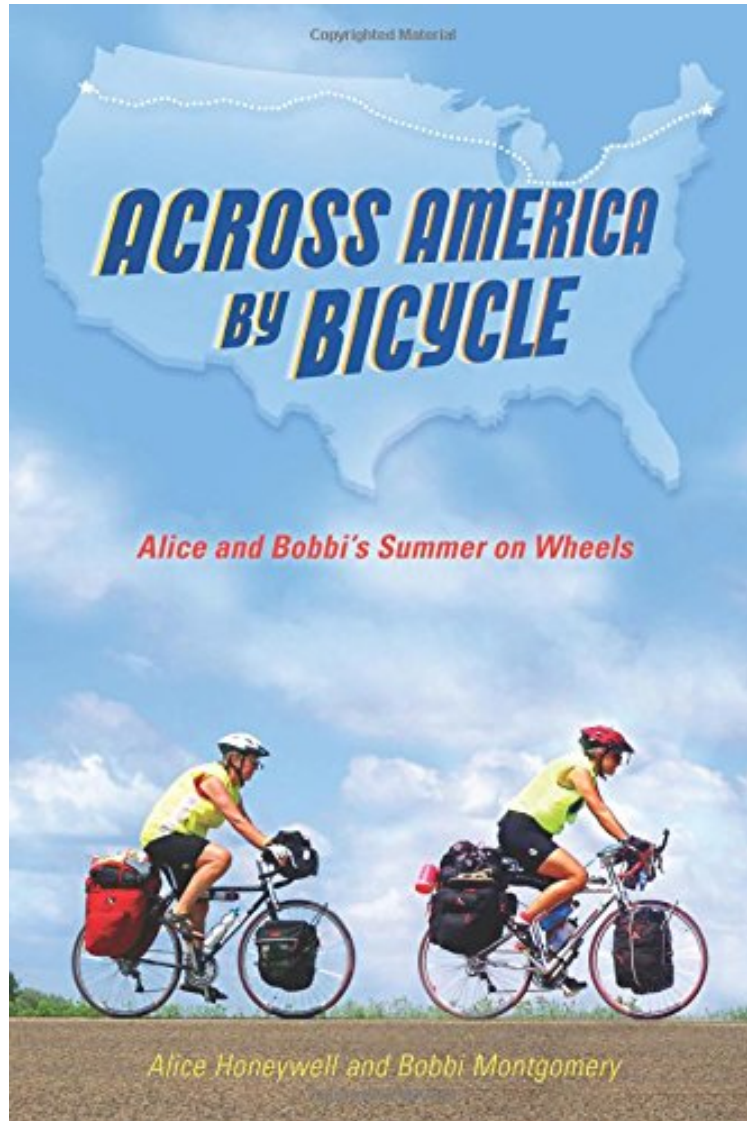


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Across America by Bicycle: Alice and Bobbi's Summer on Wheels:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Across America by Bicycle - a great bicycle travel adventure story! By Sandra K. Heinzman I loved this book. I read it for the Facebook group, Women's Adventure Travel. This is probably my favorite type of book - adventure travel. It is about two "older" women, Bobbi and Alice, who retire and then take off 3 months to travel by bicycle across the northern part of the U.S., from Oregon, to Maine. They chose

this route because they wanted to pass through Wisconsin and Ohio, where each was from. They planned this trip for over two years, and prepared themselves physically by extensive bicycling over those years. They left their husbands at home, but did see them at various times during the trip. I have always wanted to cross the US by bicycle, but figured by the time I retired, I would be too old to do this. But after reading this book, I think it would be possible, if I still wanted to do it then (4 years from now)! The women met lots of nice people during their travels and had many positive experiences and even stayed friends afterwards! They planned on camping a lot more than they did, but eventually they ended up staying more in hotels. They rarely stayed with friends. I recommend this book, if you like travel adventure books, especially bicycle adventure! My favorite, however, is still *Miles From Nowhere* by Barbara Savage. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Well written journey about a post retirement bike ride. By DFirst, I appreciate that some time and effort went into writing and editing this book. So many books like this read like a journal instead of a book. Alice and Bobby give you a great glimpse into the ride and the hazards of making endeavors like this later in life as minor ailments crop up. In general they are bright and cheerful throughout the book which is my only complaint. They are often skipping the hard parts of the ride. While I admire that they clearly understand why they are riding, I felt like they missed some parts that would have added to their adventure. One, very interesting part is that they also give a glimpse of the reality that while they are riding, their family life does not pause. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Well written and enjoyable By L. Rommel I was looking for a book on vacationing by bicycle and this book was pretty close to what I was looking for. It did a good job of giving the reader a sense of what it was like to bicycle across country. I liked the authors' feedback on some of the products they used. If there was a shortcoming, it was that I felt the authors spent too much time describing every meal they ate and not enough time thoroughly describing the little towns they passed through on their journey.

Biking from Oregon to Maine is no small feat, especially for two newly retired women who carry everything they need for three months, powered only by the strength of their legs and a desire for adventure. Alice Honeywell and Bobbi Montgomery invite readers to follow their ride by bicycle across the United States, as they face scorching sun, driving rain, buffeting winds, equipment failures, killer hills, wild fires, and even a plague of grasshoppers. As Alice and Bobbi pedal along their 3,600-mile journey, they test and deepen their friendship, defy their aches and pains, experience the vast and varied beauties of their country, and discover the challenges and satisfaction of a scaled-down lifestyle. And, they encounter unfailing generosity from people they meet from the prayers of a North Dakota woman for their safekeeping, to the offer of a house in Michigan, to invitations for dinner and a place to sleep at stops all along the way. And there are incidents to laugh over, too, such as the bewildered woman who asked them, Well, but where do you pack your dresses? Ride along with Alice and Bobbi as they embrace retirement with gusto and live their dream. Winner (Gold Medalist), Travel Essays, Foreword Magazines Books of the Year

From Booklist How can you not like this book? Its authors, a couple of retirement-age women who went on bike trips together, decided to take a few months and cycle from Astoria, Oregon, to Bar Harbor, Maine, a distance of more than 3,500 miles. Carrying everything they need strapped to their bikes, sleeping in motels and campgrounds, occasionally hitching a ride with some friendly vehicular travelers, they make their way from one side of the country to the other. This is a comfortable book: pleasantly written, similar in theme and structure to other cross-country cycling books, a story about two friends who had an adventure, saw some cool things, and met some interesting people. Alice and Bobbi are immensely likable people; their cheerfulness and determination bring a smile to your face. When you finish the book, you might think: well, that was a lot of fun; maybe I ought to do something similar. --David Pitt A heartfelt account of crossing America on two wheels from a pair of gutsy women. Alice and Bobbi prove its never too late to put a dream into high gear, to let the road reveal a country and the true meaning of friendship. Joe Kurmaskie, author of *Metal Cowboy*, *Momentum Is Your Friend* and *Mud, Sweat, and Gears*