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Thomas G. Allen, William L. Sachtleben : Across Asia on a Bicycle before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Across Asia on a Bicycle:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. enjoyable historical readBy Louis MaurielloI read this immediately after the sort-of-modern-version of part of this tale in "The Lost Cyclist" in which a great deal of "Across Asia on a Bicycle" was reproduced. The writing style is definitely dated, but the depth of detail is quite good. If you are interested in what the Asian belt countries were like back when foreigners were just being allowed within the interiors of these countries this is a good read. It provides a really good understanding of the perils of traveling at the turn of the 19th century. Teamed with The Lost Cyclist the two books provide a real introspect of a time past.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Quite interesting if you have the right mind about itBy Michael AustinRemember what

time it was when reading this, some broad generalizations but still definitely a worthwhile read if you have since traveled through some of the same places. Personally interesting was reading through China travels, seeing what has stayed the same, specifically about the people from over a hundred years ago- visa problems, 'foreign devils' and always being asked your age. Some of the same experiences can still be had today. Also it'd be better reading a version that has maps and pictures included, couldn't find them in this version. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. FreeBy Beach GuyFree

In this book, which first appeared in 1894, is the story of the journey of two American students of Washington University, who have made their way to discover the Asian continent by bicycle. Within their 15,000 miles tour, they passed Persia and the mountainous region of Turkestan and the Gobi Desert on the way to Beijing.

About the Author Allen and Sachtleben graduated from Washington University in June 1890, sailed to Liverpool, and began a 15,000 mile bicycle journey to Peking. They had conceived of the idea during their senior year as "a practical finish to a theoretical education" in liberal arts. Their account really begins in Asia Minor as they cycle on through Persia and Turkestan, with detours to Merv, Bokhara and Samarkand. They peddled across the vast tract of the Gobi Desert to Peking, where they were received by Li-Hung-Chang, the Prime Minister of China.