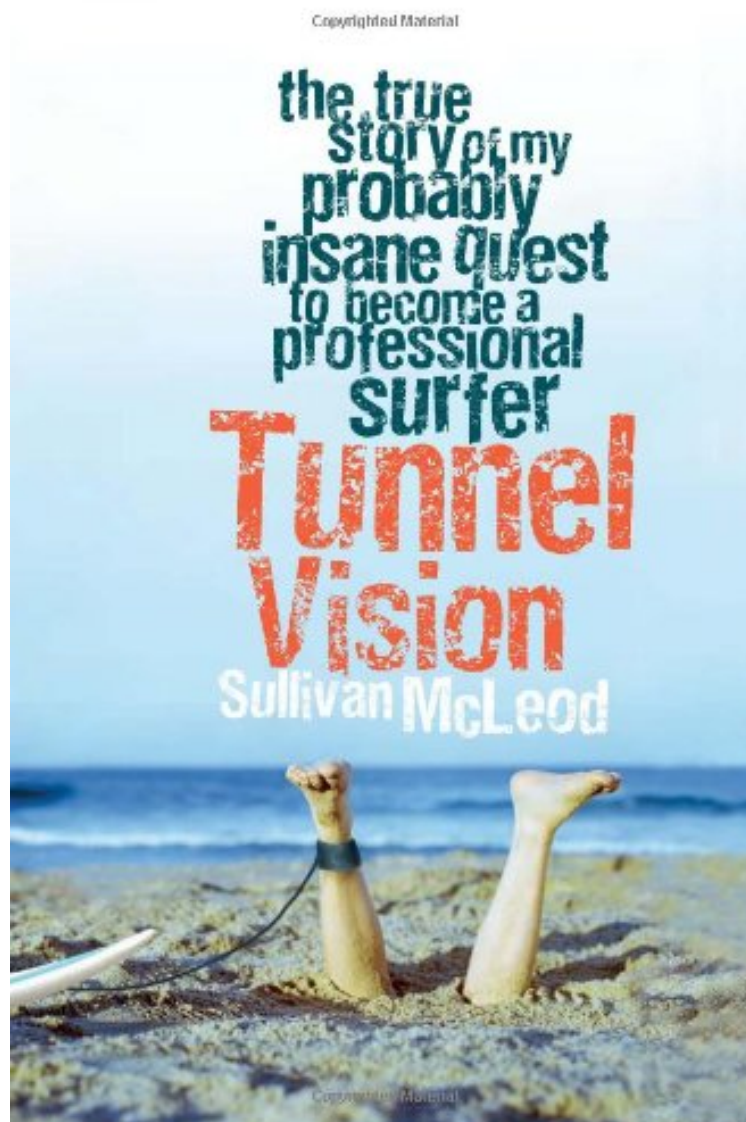


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Inveterate traveler Sullivan McLeod got sick of people asking him what he was doing with his life so he started to say he'd decided to become a professional surfer. Then somehow he was registered in the World Qualifying Series and found he was going ahead with his stupid idea. He could surf a bit after all, he did grow up in Margaret River. So, despite the fact that he was unfit physically, financially, and possibly mentally, Sullivan goes into training for his nine months on the circuit, with frequent sidetracking into drinking and partying, but he does actually make it to most of the heats. Along the way he has to work out how to get to the next competition in the next country on his very tight budget, and he shares his highly entertaining observations about Americans, Brazilians, the Brits, French, and ex-pat Australians, to name but a few. And he has his fair share of mishaps: he gets locked up in a Brazilian holding cell, parties with South American criminals, has everything stolen in France, and still manages to catch the wave of a lifetime. It's more about the journey than the surfing. We meet the surfers who desperately want to succeed, and all the bit players who make the comps happen, but if Will Swanton's *Some Day* is as close as you can get without pulling on a contest singlet yourself, *Tunnel Vision* is about pulling on the singlet, for one hell-raising adventure after another.

About the Author Sullivan McLeod has performed around the world as a stand-up comedian with gigs at Melbourne Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Festival, London Comedy Store, Improv Comedy Club (LA), and The Comedy Store (LA).