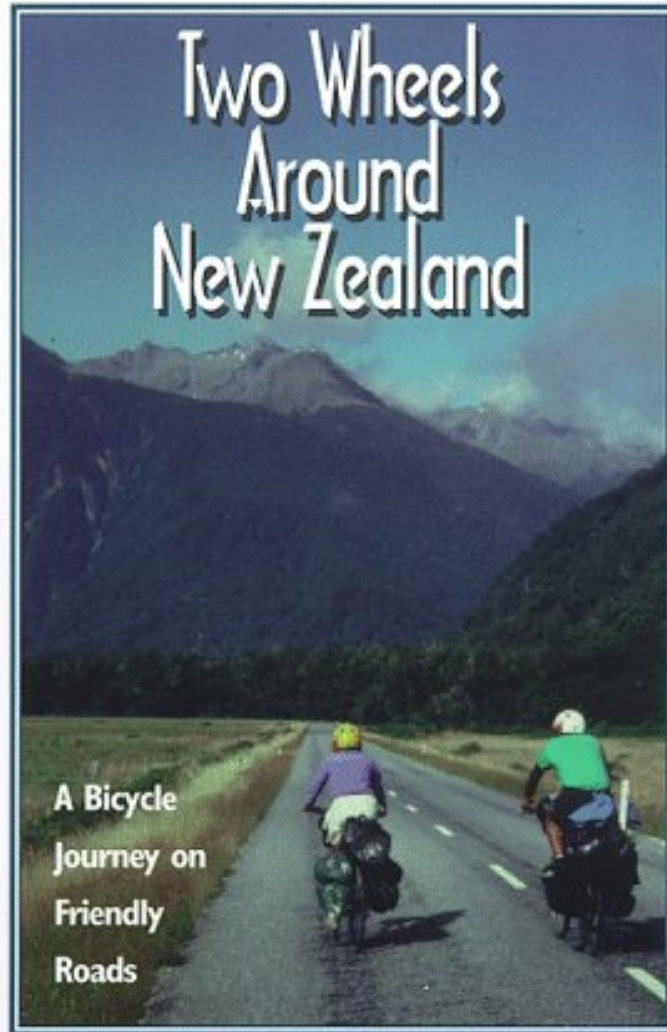


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**Scott Bischke : Two Wheels Around New Zealand: A Bicycle Journey on Friendly Roads** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Two Wheels Around New Zealand: A Bicycle Journey on Friendly Roads:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The First of Two BooksBy BendOregonThis is the first of two books written about this couple. The second book is called Crossing Divides: A Couples Story of Cancer, Hope, and Hiking Montana's Continental Divide. You might enjoy reading about what happened to them after their marriage and their encounter with cancer and hiking the Continental Divide.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. read if interested in New Zealand and/or bike touringBy yosheleThis book packs in a lot as Scott and his partner, Kate, cover several thousand km of NZ bike touring, racing storms, pedaling up grueling roads, meeting all sorts of locals and travelers alike, and exploring natural and beautiful New Zealand.Parts flew by too quickly for me, but other parts were described in fun, insightful detail. I feel I gained some good knowledge and insight into NZ after reading this book, especially in the areas of NZ weather (lots of rain, wind, and sun), how NZ treats foreigners (mostly good), and what bike-touring is like (tough and rewarding but mostly tough). Oh, and as a bonus, it really perked my interest in fly-fishing!The book won't knock you out of your chair, but I doubt that is it's intention. A great read if you are planning a trip to New Zealand or planning a bike-touring trip; especially with a significant other! I hope to report soon as to how accurate this account is. The trip occurred in the late 1980s so I imagine NZ might have changed a lot since then, but maybe not.8 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Disappointing and irritating.By A CustomerCover describes book as a "light hearted adventure story", should have been "a travel ordeal". Showed how lack of training and improper equipment can turn what should have been fun into drudgery. Choose biking as a cheap mode of transport rather than doing it for the pleasure of cycling which effected narrative. Constant whining and complaining made it hard to enjoy. Use of local NZ slang got old and author trying to force his personal views on locals seemed inappropriate. I have biked in NZ and it was nothing like the book described.

Scott Bischke and Katie Gibson have done what many of us dream. They quit their jobs and traded their possessions for a year of travel and simplicity. During the course of their journey, Scott and Katie biked more than 8,000 kilometers and experienced much of New Zealand's culture and beauty. Their freewheeling travels took them from biking, hiking and canoeing to fly fishing for monster trout and picking kiwifruit as transient labors. Theirs was a journey of discovery both as individuals and as a couple. They shared the joys of exploration and new friendships, as well as the challenges of biking mountainous terrain and living in a two-person tent.Two Wheels Around New Zealand is a light-hearted adventure story; but above all, it is a celebration of people, landscape, and lifestyle of New Zealand.

"...Bischke offers insights into the pleasures of biking, fly-fishing, and just living." -- BOOKLIST"Bischke has a fluid, chatty style..." -- BILLINGS GAZETTE"I did enjoy the book....the tone was nice, there were good illustrations, the descriptions of the difficulties encountered added to the story without resorting to the whining all too common in literature these days." -- BACKROADS CYCLINGHere is an engrossing taleScott writes entertainingly and perceptively of the idiosyncrasies of the population and areas he and Katie passed throughIf you have ever wanted to go cycling in New Zealand, you could do far worse than to read this book first. If you never want to go there, dont read itit will probably change your mind! -- AUSTRALIAN CYCLISTTWO WHEELS AROUND NEW ZEALAND reads as if you were sharing travel yarns with old friends. -- Carolyn Spector KLCC Public Radio Eugene, Oregon Today I have the pleasure of reviewing a marvelous book for youThe avid bike rider will be thrilled with the detailed and fascinating descriptions This book, however, contains much more than a simple travel log. There are, of course, the very helpful maps to help the arm-chair adventurer find his and her wayThen we start learning so much about New Zealand: their motivations for ecological survival, their needs to be out in natural surroundings, their friendliness towards foreigners, and for me I loved the descriptions of the beautiful areas, ...TWO WHEELS AROUND NEW ZEALAND reads as if you were sharing travel yarns with old friends. Scott Bischke has a very informal tone, and he really brought me into his confidences as he shared his moods, fears, and hopes before and during this incredible yearWouldnt this book make a great film! -- KLCC PUBLIC RADIO, Eugene, OregonFrom the AuthorThis book was an act of love for me: love of life, love of my soon-to-be wife, love of the simplicity of bicycle travel, and love of a people and their placeNew Zealand. I must admit to being saddened by the review listed under . I encourage you to look at the links to the media reviews that TWO WHEELS has received (e.g. AUSTRALIAN CYCLIST--Here is an engrossing taleScott writes entertainingly and perceptivelyIf you have ever wanted to go cycling in New Zealand, you could do far worse than to read this book first. If you never want to go there, dont read itit will probably change your mind!) Ive included the books first chapter for your review and, hopefully, your enjoyment! If you are thinking of visiting New Zealand, whether by bike or otherwise, I think TWO WHEELS will inspire you. I am in the process of writing a second book, this one dealing with an 810 mile hike Kate and I took down Montanas Continental Divide. The story intertwines our seven year struggle with Kates cervical cancer. Our fondest hope is that the story will inspire others to the realization that cancer can be overcome and that life beyond cancer can be highly rewarding. In 2000, Kate and I will pass through her five year milestone of being once again healthy. We greatly appreciate each and every day of being alive.From the Inside FlapScott Bischke and Katie Gibson cut loose from their everyday routine and headed Down Under to explore and experience New Zealand from the seat of a bicycle. Their goal was simple: to immerse themselves in a land and its people, to become a part of New Zealand, not just pass through it. During the

course of their 8,000 kilometer odyssey, Scott and Katie sampled much of New Zealand's (and a bit of Australia's) bounty. Their freewheeling travels took them from tramping, canoeing, and fly fishing for monster trout to caving, scuba diving, and picking kiwifruit as transient laborers. And, of course, there were the Kiwis, with their rich sense of humor and indomitable spirit, always ready with a happy Giddy and a helping hand for a couple of Yank travelers. Theirs was a journey of discovery, both as individuals and as a couple. They shared the joys of exploration and new friendships, as well as the frustrations that come with biking over challenging terrain and living in a two-person tent. **TWO WHEELS AROUND NEW ZEALAND** is a lighthearted adventure story; but above all it is a celebration of the people, landscape, and lifestyle of New Zealand.