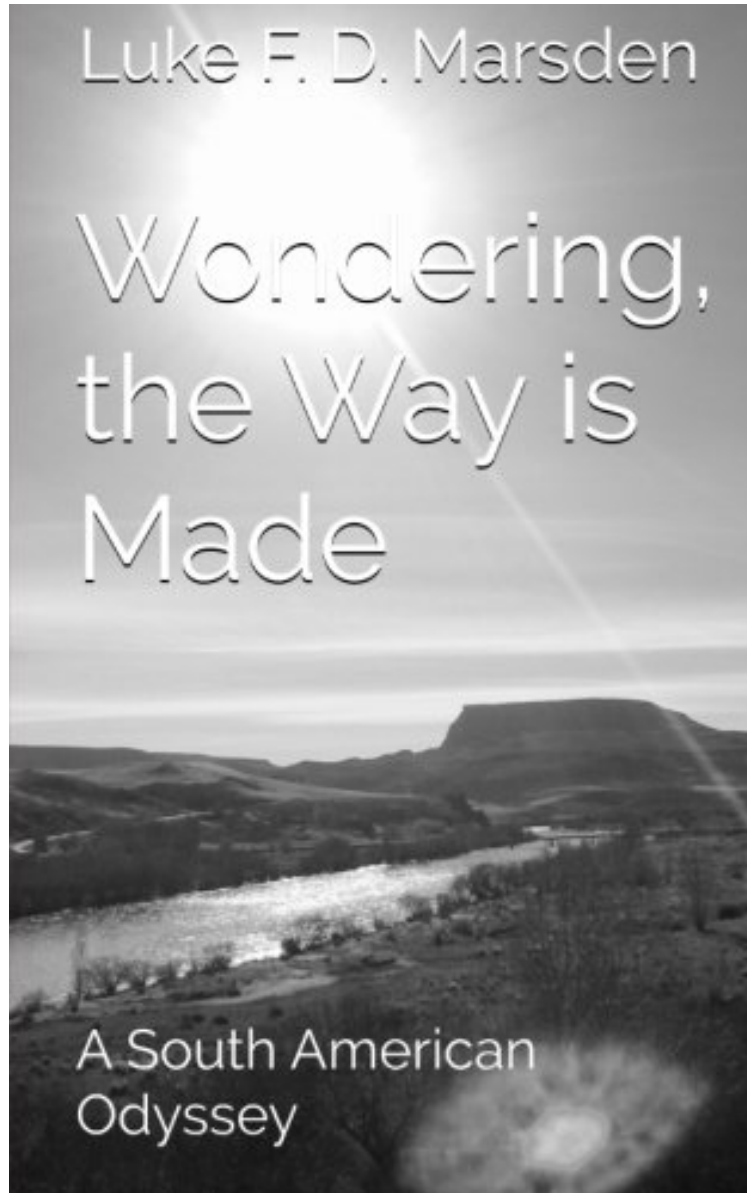


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DiariesBy Ok Joo KimI found this to be a thoroughly enjoyable read. 'The end of days' and 'social decay' have become Hollywood tropes of late, and the usual treatment seems to revolve around simple survival while the characters resort to increasingly primitive tactics. With this book, the author seems to be attempting to deal with the preservation of the soul above and beyond that of the body during times of global decline.Set in several South American countries, the story reads somewhat like an updated version of The Motorcycle Diaries. The characters find themselves having to deal with the practicalities of everyday survival in a time when resources are becoming more and more scarce. Resolved to leave "the program" -- the humdrum life of corporate servitude and consumption -- they make the conscious decision to leave established society and incorporate their own set of values in a society of friends that they decide to make for themselves.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining readBy Kindle CustomerEntertaining, easy read, that doesn't take itself too seriously. Reading it whilst travelling through South America adds to the fun.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Make your way to the Way...By customerJohn Lennon famously said, Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans. Too true, and as we all know (and more so the older we get), plans never run according to plan anyway. The Way, on the other hand, involves those moments of present; where plans present themselves in visions, gut feelings, obstacles and necessities.In this story, the Way has different ways of bringing about travelling friends to converge in South America, as they try to decide how to escape the imminent fall of the world. Marsden writes in a clean, crisp and simple but sophisticated fashion, which suits Joss the narrator's cool headed, zen-ish, new-everyman persona perfectly. Occasionally it reminded me of Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, at other times it was like Generation X, but that doesn't take anything away from it in the slightest.The philosophical, humorous, fighting-The-Man, being-a-twenty-first-century-human-being dialogue and scenarios of the characters presides over the backdrops of places like Argentina, Bolivia and Peru, but then welcome descriptions of places like La Paz suddenly arrive, bursting from the page with fresh colours and sounds.This is one of those books that you can enjoy at face value or you can start thinking about all sorts of things. Ultimately, this is the tale of trying to escape the system, or 'the programme' as it's referred to here. The background world around Joss and his friends is falling apart, as resources have practically dried up, floods and tsunamis are raging, there are riots all over the western world, on the brink of WWII, and yet still people are plugged into the daily grind, sometimes blind to the changes occurring. Where can this group of travellers go to escape the collapse of the world?If this book had've been written in the sixties, it could have perhaps been seen as 'hippy' literature, but it's not. What it is is a good example of how those 'leaving the system and getting back to nature and living in present cycles' ideals are still very much alive in the world, and actually even more so now. Marsden's book isn't set in any dystopian future world. It's set in just around the corner. I highly recommend you read this book before the future catches up with us.Harry Whitewolf (author of Route Number 11 and The Road To Purification).

Luke F. D. Marsden's road novel, *Wondering, the Way is Made*, is a captivating literary journey through South America for wanderers and wonderers. A formative experience in Africa opens the eyes of Joss Douglas to the flaws in his meticulously scheduled way of life. Some years later, in a world in which civilization is faltering, with a climate that grows harsher and wilder with each passing season, he no longer sees the sense in his ordered existence, and feels that he is working towards nothing. With his fiancée Tina, who has distant roots in Brazil, he steps out of his conventional programme and they set off on a voyage of discovery to South America. While they are away, rioting and crackdowns at home in England cut them adrift from their country. Fate brings them together with their friends from around the globe and these carefree and irrepressible misfits, a generation in microcosm, acquire a camper van and journey among the myriad landscapes and cultures of the South American continent in search of a place where they can ride out epic world events, while absorbing the wonders along the way.