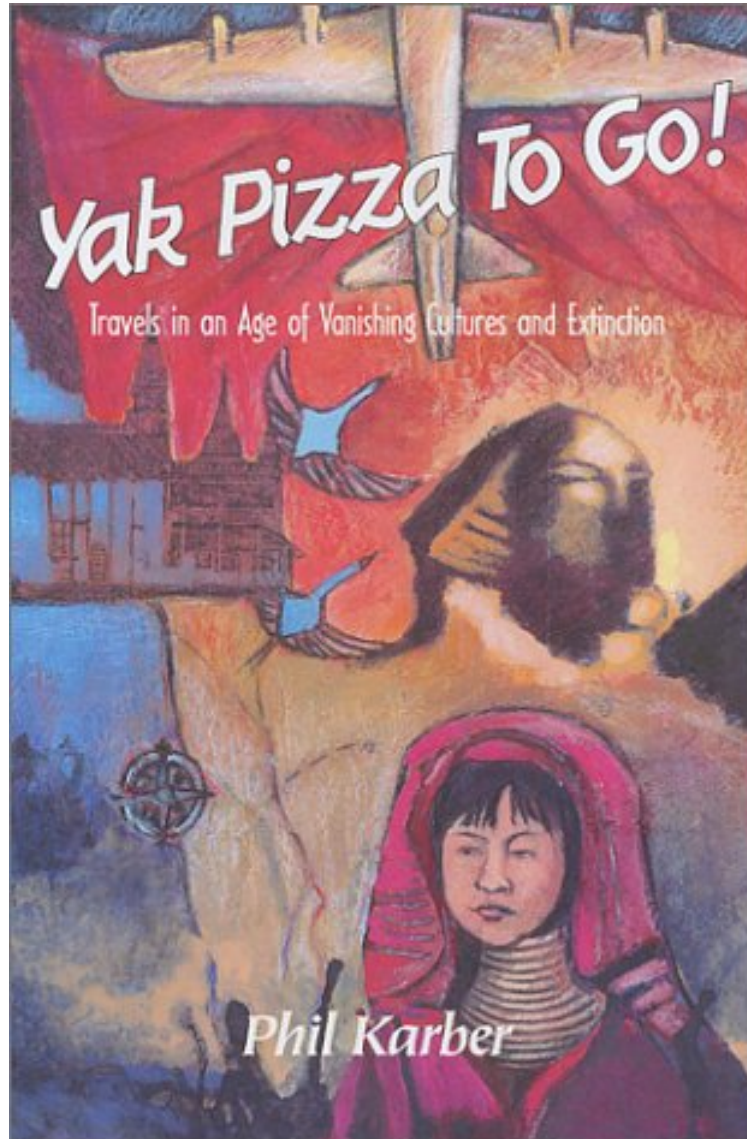


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Must Read for Serious TravelersBy Brooks YelvertonWhile

visiting family members in Arkansas over Easter weekend, I happened to read a review for the book *Yak Pizza To Go* by Arkansas native Phil Karber. The excerpts from the book in the review left me craving more and as soon as it came out, I purchased a copy. I was not disappointed. As an avid traveler (I believe I may have run into Karber while visiting Sapa, Vietnam), this book is incredibly interesting and entertaining. Unlike most travel books that only tell you where to eat, sleep, and drink, *Yak Pizza To Go* provides the reader with this information along with a capsule summary of the history and culture of the regions that Karber has visited. From the bia hoas of Hanoi, Vietnam to meeting fellow Arkansan Hillary Clinton at the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania, Karber's informative and at times sarcastic stories along with vivid and accurate descriptions of these places flooded me with memories of my own journeys and a longing to visit others. This book is a must read for anyone who is serious about traveling and getting the most out of their experiences to foreign lands. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. No Accidental Tourists, Please By Ann Fellingner Warning: This travel guide is not designed for the "accidental tourist," the person who travels to foreign lands hoping only to recreate a faraway, expensive version of his homeland. This book is for anyone who wants to travel not only for pleasure, but also for knowledge. With humor and incredible insight, Phil Karber writes of his adventures in the lands he has visited, lands that most of us will only see on National Geo specials. Karber immerses himself in each culture, learning as much as he can about the history, philosophy, people, and customs of each country that he visits. After reading this book, the reader will feel as if he, too, has visited each place Karber describes. This book is a must-have for anyone who plans to travel to these exotic locales, but it is also a delightful way for those of us who lack the courage, time, or funds to travel to experience places that may no longer exist in a few year's time. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. *Yak Pizza Inspires Haikus* By A Customer I've just finished *Yak Pizza*--and how much I was transported from Fort Smith, AR to places I've only dreamed or heard of. Each day I looked forward to that time after dinner when I could grab *Yak Pizza*, get off by myself, and take trip after trip. Phil Karber did a remarkable job here, finding the right distance from his subject matter--at times letting places and experiences speak for themselves and at just the right times giving such keen insights from observation and analysis. There were such poignant moments and then humor and then righteous indignation and then such a knowledge of the background history of environment, economics, political/social structure. . .and gadzooks what a vocabulary. I wrote a haiku over my impressions the night I finished the book and had such bittersweet emotions on finishing it--here tis Brushed bamboo, twisted thickets of morass. Leeches hold time in their crawl.

Whether you are a seasoned traveler or you prefer to explore from the comfort of your favorite armchair, *Yak Pizza To Go!* offers an intriguing insight into distant lands and different ways of life. Delving into history, anthropology, myth, politics, beliefs, and ethics, the authors dry humor is an ever-present companion as he ventures into a miscellany of precarious situations, encountering people and cultures totally unlike his own. Detailed maps and photographs provide the opportunity to savor the rich and varied fabric of many countries, leading us to an appreciation of the world as it was, as it is, and how it may cease to be if preservation efforts are not seriously considered and acted upon. I calculated 18 potential violations of the local criminal code of justice committed at the two border crossings three officials at each crossing, times three (Larry, Jerry and I), times two borders. They let us take pictures of them at the Tanzanian border, but not at the Kenyan border. Its the lawn pictures at the border. Larry summed up the day, "We were charged by a hippo, charged by an elephant, and overcharged by the police."

Karber doesn't confine himself to mundane issues...it will open your eyes to a vastly different part of the world. -- The Ringling Eagle September, 2001 You can pick out a new and different destination for the next vacation...avoiding Hiltons and McDonald's along the way. -- The Dallas Morning News July 31, 2001 About the Author Three decades ago, during the Vietnam War, Karber had just turned 18 when the U.S. Army sent him to Ramason Station, an intelligence-gathering base near the Thai-Laotian border. He served as a finance clerk and copied into a notebook all new words that he encountered. A native of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, the author began honing his talent for writing after he moved to Nairobi, Kenya. His passion for travel followed shortly thereafter, and a perfect combination was born. Having worked for 16 years as the Chief Financial Officer of an oil and gas company, Phil Karber now dubs himself a professional vagabond. Married, with two children, today he lives with his wife in Vietnam, dedicating his time to exploring foreign lands and writing about his experiences.