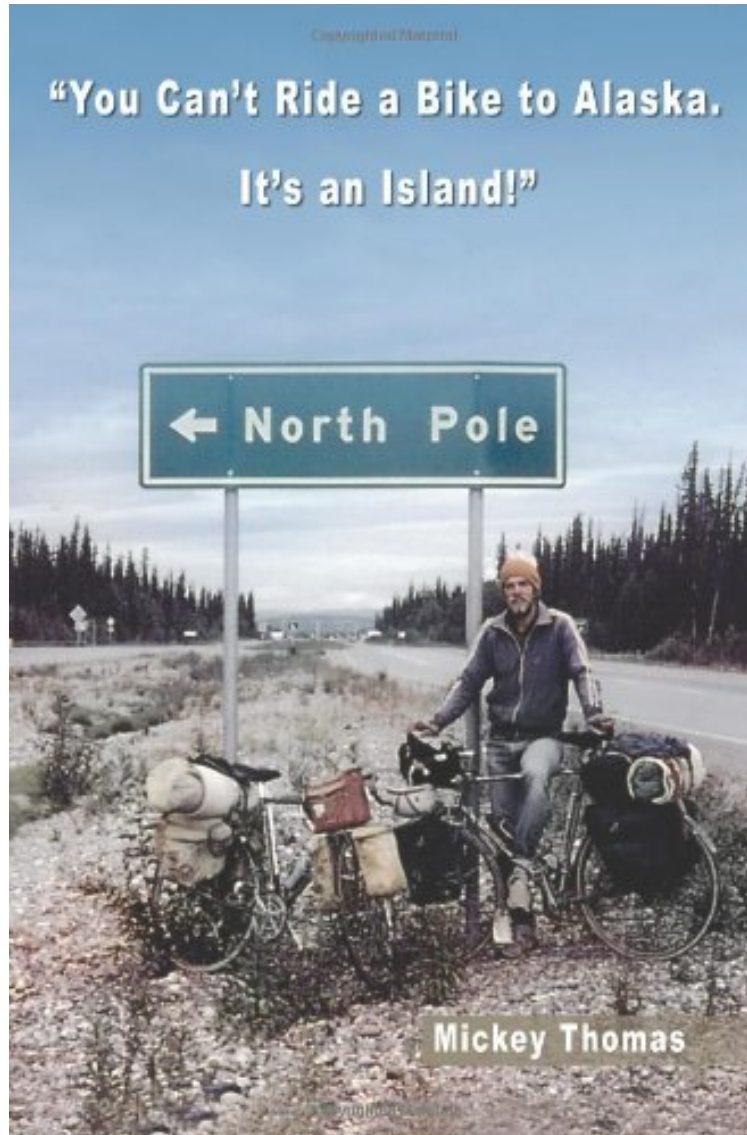


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. great book for someone new to touringBy R. TollisonI've only done one short 2-day tour that had been planned as a 3-day tour except that it was pouring rain the day we were supposed to start. So we cut out the second leg, which would have been the hardest, and drove it instead. Each time I read about your riding or setting up your tent in a bitter cold downpour, I could visualize myself in a similar situation. What

would I do? How would I respond? Before reading your book, I probably would have ran for cover, ditched the tent idea and looked for a comfy hotel. I'm sure I would have had a meltdown as well. Now I feel a little more prepared to take on my dream of touring throughout my home state of South Carolina by way of state parks and maybe venturing into New England and eastern Canada. My dream tour is the Danube River tour which takes you through four European countries by day and sleeping on board a beautiful cruise ship by night. Thanks for sharing your experience on your monumental tour. Having picked up riding again as a 54-year-old female, I doubt I would attempt such a feat. My tours will be much shorter and closer to home. But I feel as though I shared some of your trip through your detailed descriptions. I'm especially looking forward to being able to drink milkshakes again! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Hiking to Biking By Janet Morse I have read many many books about hiking the Appalachian Trail or walking the coast or across America. I have never read a biking journey. It was very entertaining. Right off, the title of this book caught my eye. I loved the reason behind the choosing of the title . There are so many children that grow up not knowing exactly where Alaska is located. Many adults and children believe it is an island South of the California coast. How tragic is that! Mickey Thomas brought me along with him on his ride, and I laughed at his many hilarious encounters and I also felt his pain. I enjoyed his account of meeting up with the wild animals on his journey North and I could relate to the story about camping in a tent beside a motor home that ran a generator all night. I, too have had that experience and when several of our fellow campers complained-it didn't make a bit of difference to the motor home dwellers. Having the map displayed at the beginning of the book helped me envision every segment of his ride and as I got closer to the end of the book and looked at the map and realized the destination was only a short distance and just a few pages away, I too did not want it to end. I wanted him to keep going. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. great bike touring book By Angela I like reading bike touring books because, alas, there is more time to read about touring than there is to do it. I've read many books on the topic, some have good functional tips, some are poorly written but deeply felt by the author, many are dull. What Thomas conveys so well in this book is the mental fortitude it takes to do a long distance self contained trip. There isn't info on what kind of panniers to buy or what kind of gearing to use...but instead, what kind of emotional hardships are battled and how impactful this can be to your confidence, your psyche, and the way you handle discomfort and facing the unknown. I don't want to make too big of a thing about it, as he didn't expressly dwell on any of these things so much as just leave you with the understanding of what a tough, adventurous, life changing trip can be like. I found it very inspirational!, and actually thought about it when riding fully loaded in 7 hours of rain in Montana this summer. Although i'm a cyclist (and a once-a-year tourer) you would not have to ride a bike to enjoy this book. and if you like it, you might also like "Once Upon a CHariot" by Iris Paris, the story of Norma Jean Belloff who established the US women's record for cross country bicycling in 1948.

You'll never make it! With encouragement like that, author Mickey Thomas, in a fit of youthful testosterone, and meticulous inattention to detail, decided to embark on a once-in-a-lifetime 3,400 mile bicycle ride from Montana to Alaska. While riding through knee problems, illness, homesickness, infatuation, bad weather, and meeting a host of quirky and hilarious characters, Mickey, and his group, rides over some of roughest roads and most desolate scenery in North America. Along the way, he discovers an inner strength as well as a new physical stamina he never had. The book is laugh-out-loud funny, but it is also a celebration of the human spirit, and of the last great North American wilderness.

About the Author Mickey Thomas is a resident of Davidson, North Carolina, where he lives with his wife, Leslie, and children, Will and Nelle. This is his first book.