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We Will Be Free: Overlanding In Africa And Around South America



Synopsis

In 2010, the Bell family, Graeme, Luisa, Keelan and Jessica, set off in their Land Rover on an African adventure which would ultimately afflict them with the overlanding addiction. After touring Southern and East Africa for six months they returned to South Africa, to normal life and the corporate grind. Only touring in their trusty Landy, Mafuta, could still their trembling hands and sate their insatiable hunger. The decision was made to live an alternative travel lifestyle, a decision which would take them and Mafuta to South America where, through a combination of good luck and bad decisions, they circumnavigated the continent for over two years before setting their sights on North America. This is their story, the hard days, the laughter, the breakdowns, the life lessons and the love for each other and the road less travelled. The author, Graeme was born in Johannesburg but loves Durban and Cape Town. As a self-educated adult, he cites his primary cultural influences as Johnny Rotten, Jim Morrison, Jello Biafra, Christopher Hitchens, Louis L'Amour, Fight Club, Martin Amis, and The King James Bible. In his spare time, he watches MMA's street fight on YouTube or drinks beer while staring at his Land Rover, if there is no Wi-Fi. You can follow our adventures at www.a2aexpedition.com

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Customer Reviews

An honest review of vehicle dependent travel and exploration...as well as a colorful account of everything that might happen along the way. We have a 1985 Mercedes Benz 460 300GD set up for off the road travel and camping, with which we journey about the US and British Columbia, Canada. Plans now are to expand these areas to include AK and then south of the border. Your book has been an inspiration to such travels. Thank you.

Whether you're a seasoned overlander or an armchair global dreamer, this book is a fun read from start to finish. Graeme does a brilliant job intertwining hilarious accounts of working through the nuances of each country they visit, fiddling with the Land Rover, driving harrowing roads and dispelling some of the ridiculous preconceived "horrors" they were constantly warned about before setting off. A very easy read that'll have you shopping for a Landy of your own.

We are planning our escape so I enjoy reading about other people's adventures. We also enjoy good food especially meat and seafood so appreciate his descriptions and their experiences of grilling and partying with new found friends. As a man I can relate to the mechanical issues, and descriptions of his wife's looks and punches to the arm on hairy roads. Would've given it a 5 if the book had some maps or drawings of the routes and more photos. I had some good laughs and enjoyed reading this book. I recommend this book.

Graeme's and his wife Luisa have such courage to drop their successful life and create an even more successful one that aligns with their dreams. I am not generally a reader, but this book I finished, cover to cover. The honesty of their story is enlightening and truly inspiring. I followed up on their website and noted that they were at the Overland Expo in Flagstaff this year on their way to Alaska. Wished I had not missed them as they traveled through. I look forward to reading the second book if I can get my hands on a copy. Thanks Graeme. I wish you and your family a life of nomad living and exploring.

This is a great read about some great adventurers. Someday I may get the guts to do just what they are.

I just finished reading this book and it was great! Mr. Bell did a great job telling about the family's adventures. Loved reading about overlanding in a Land Rover. The book is also about making time for your family and enjoying the relationships in your life.. I am looking forward to reading more of Mr. Bell's writing.

Books come along from time to time to change your world. Loved the book and got me out on the road, while not a 5 year deal:) I love the freedom of simply going and not having a specific destination!

A hell of a good read! If you have ever wondered what it is like driving around Africa this paints a detailed picture of both the high points and the low points. I am re-reading the book with my maps out this time so I can relate the experiences to the physical map locations. If you are a serious over-lander or are planning a trip I would highly recommend this book! Very entertaining!

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