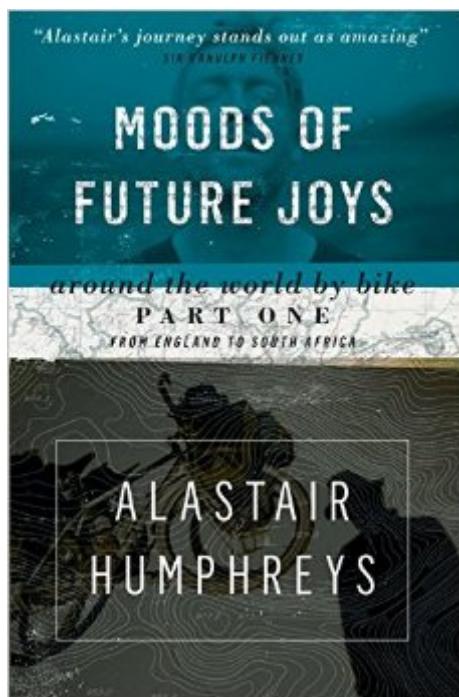


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# Moods Of Future Joys: Around The World By Bike Part One: From England To South Africa



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An updated edition including new color photographs and a new afterword looking back at the journey Alastair Humphreys' around-the-world journey of 46,000 miles was an old-fashioned adventure: long, lonely, low-budget, and spontaneous. Cycling across five continents and sailing over the oceans, his ride took four years to complete, on a tiny budget of hoarded student loans. Here is the story of the first remarkable stage of the expedition. Just two weeks into the ride the September 11th attacks changed everything. All Humphreys' plans went out the window and, instead of riding towards Australia, he suddenly found himself pedaling through the Middle East and Africa and on toward Cape Town. This book recounts an epic journey that succeeded through Humphreys' trust in the kindness of strangers, at a time where the interactions of our global community are more confused and troubled than ever.

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This book is quite an enjoyable read and should be inspirational to anyone who has been contemplating embarking on an adventure of their own but is hesitating out of fear of not being a hardcore adventurer or athlete or, more importantly, having the bank account to support a long adventure. Alastair Humphreys paints colorful pictures of the places he rides through and of the many people he meets and whose hospitality support his journey from place to place. If anything, this reader was left wanting to learn more about the people and places encountered by Humphreys. The book would have perhaps benefited by having more fleshed out "characters" and a bit more historical/geographical/ethno-cultural information about the regions he rode through, rather than so

many references to other travel writers. Humphreys' self-awareness as an outsider looking in is thought provoking. He exposes the assumptions people make about each other based purely on their appearance or nationality. Humphreys' prose is a bit uneven, alternating between insightful, well crafted sections and somewhat rough sections. Punctuation errors are distracting at times. As Humphreys admits, this self-published book is a bit rough and in need of some professional editing and photographs. I'd like to see the next edition of this book include lots of photographs and detailed maps, so the reader can follow the journey without having to constantly reach for the atlas. This book's weaknesses may be, paradoxically, its greatest strength.

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