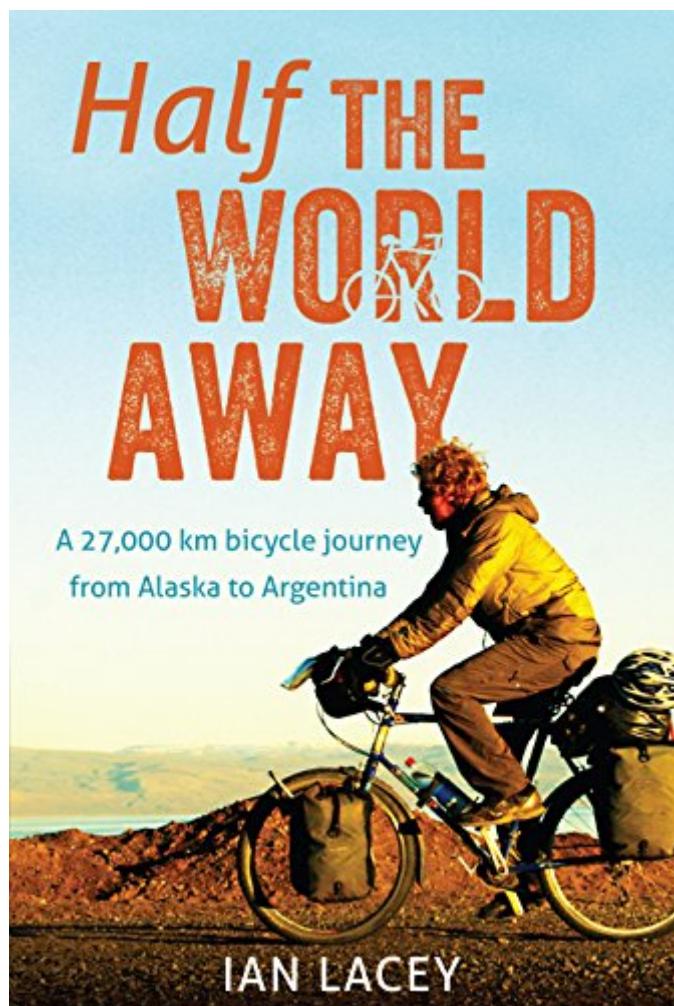


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# Half The World Away: A 27,000 Km Bicycle Journey From Alaska To Argentina



## **Synopsis**

In July 2011, Ian Lacey cycled unsupported out of Deadhorse, Alaska, into the unknowns of America's wild northern frontier. More than 15 months and 27,000 km later, he arrived in Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina – the southernmost city in the world. Battling a chronic illness and leaving the girl he loves at home, Ian uses human power to see a side of the world many often miss. He journeys through days of isolation in Canada, camps in the silent beauty of the Baja Desert, climbs through the ice-covered Andes, and delights in the tranquillity of Chilean Patagonia on his way to El Fin del Mundo – The End of the World. This book details Ian's fascinating experiences over two continents and in 15 countries as he sets out to read a unique story of people and place, all from the saddle of a bicycle.

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## **Customer Reviews**

If one can not do it, or is not motivated enough to do it, than this diary will transport you from your daily life of grayness to a life of adventure, boldness and perseverance. Skip one fast food lunch and spend your money on this purchase, you will not regret it. Well written, serious yet filled with

some tongue in cheek humor, and if at the end you get this overwhelming urge to pack your underwear and to escape the routines, to the chagrin of your family, friends and employers you can always blame it on Ian.

This is a very well written book, but I never got the feeling I was absorbed. In 27k km there is not ever a paragraph on what he has done to the bike, I think only one mention of the type of bike and precious little about bike preparation or gear he took. And you never really get to know who Ian is.... like I said well written but no soul.

What a great read. Thanks Ian for giving me the enjoyment of your journey. A fantastic story that was well written and easy to be on the bike with you. I envy your courage and dedication to finishing your ride.

well written, easy to follow. engaging. like-able character. 'personal journey' not overdone like some of this genre. personally enjoyed the south american parts where the author really found his groove in my view.

A great adventure book! I loved it!

I am reading this book and I am enjoying it a lot. I love travel books and this one is well written. Romantic but not lost in description either.

One of the better written books about cycle touring from Alaska to Ushuaia (this route seems to be a favorite of future "round-the-worlders"). And I would place this book among the top 5 must-read cycle-touring books available here at . There are just too many 'cycle-touring' books that bore you with their 'pedal-eat-sleep' almost template-like routines. There are also cycle-touring books that are too short. Others are too long but lulls you to sleep with boring narratives. This book has just the right mix of everything that it will keep you turning the pages until the very end. If you're an avid cyclist who's looking for ideas in preparation for your own adventure or just a casual cyclist who derives vicarious pleasure in cycle-touring books, then, this one should be in your collection.

Before reading this book, I had NO IDEA that anyone was crazy enough--er, I mean ambitious enough to make a 27,000 KM bike trip. Well, now I know. I can only imagine the danger inherent in

such a trip. In one incident, the author explains how he and Lee encountered, in Alaska, a mama bear with a few cubs. What do they do now? Just remember to not look afraid. One of the stops (by navigation mistake) was in Stinson Beach in the S.F. bay area. I have been there, and there's not a lot to do. Ian explains how he missed the main turnoff to San Francisco. This cost the team a lot of go-around before they got back on course. It was interesting hearing about the teams encounters with (mostly) nice, helpful folks, as well as fellow travelers. In addition to the book, the author has videos that you can watch on his website. Do not miss these! I have watched several, and they are very interesting. (There are b/w photos in the book, but of varying quality.) All in all, I found HALF THE WORLD AWAY to be a fun, armchair adventure. I only wish I could have watched (online) Ian & Lee as they made such a remarkable journey. Advance Review Copy courtesy of Ian Lacey

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