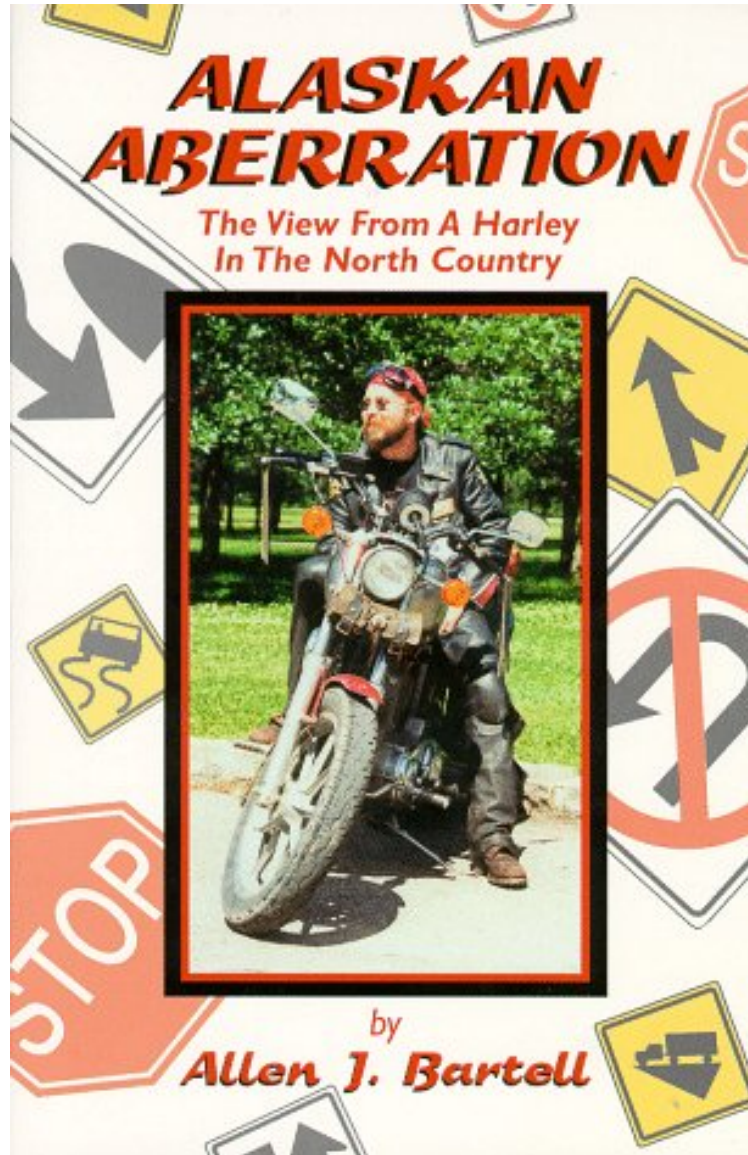


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Captivating, inspiring, humorous By Keith Kaminski I couldn't put it down! I am NOT an avid book reader but the way this story was told completely captivated me. The detail, the introspect it was like I was riding right along with Allen. A must read for anyone trying to understand the mind of a "biker". If you ride, it's like a 2month trip across Alaska without a gas bill or sore butt 1 of 1 people found the

following review helpful. like being on the road
By Natali
when i read this book, i felt the cold breeze of the glaciers on my skin. i felt the bumps on the road and i laughed more than once. i smiled a lot and wished i was there too, on the road. the description of nature are much more than "here's a tree". the author actually knows what he is talking about. he knows the trees and the animals by their names (and i don't mean bob and mary). this book also gives you an insight into the bikers' world and breaks a few stereotypes. this is a journal that tells stories honestly, without fla fla... but you never really know what can be waiting for you ahead on the road... great book to read anywhere: in your bed, on the floor, in your car, on a roof, in the mountains... and i learned new words too!!!
0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not worth being praised as a great bike travel book
By Heiko Stribl
This book was a BIG disappointment, as it tells you as much about the countryside as a one page holiday brochure! The trip done on a motorbike must be one of the most rewarding trips, however if one reads the authors book, it becomes nothing more than a person trying to cover a distance to prove that he can sleep outside in a tent and drive without a helmet.
For a good read: "Jupiters Travel", "Bullet up the Grand Trunk Road", "Abgefahren" These authors manage to combine a good storyline, with a travelbook, and give you a insight into their daily lives. I regret buying the book.

Travelogue of a two-month, 12,000 mile trip to Alaska on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. The author includes detailed descriptions of the landscapes and people he encounters along the way. He also explores the changes in his own personality that occur as the result of such a moving journey.

"For anybody thinking about riding to Alaska, this book is a good piece of background material." -- Clement Salvadori, Rider, May 1998
"I wish I could introduce you to every supporting cast member from the hypocritical safety-conscious mother to the sensitive exotic dancer to the old lady who shares her coffee and donuts. I encourage each if you who enjoys a good adventure to pick up a copy of Alaskan Aberration and relive this journey for yourselves." -- Mike O'Daniel, Texas Iron, Issue 24
"If there is an adventurous yet meditative spirit in you, and you want to examine the "alter ego" you become when you ride, then this book is definitely for you!" -- Whitehorse Press, Winter 1998
"If you have the secret desire to experience the independence of a biker, this book is for you." -- Stan Nolen, Trinity Standard, Jan. 8, 1998
"The honesty with which Bartell expresses his opinions and describes his experiences is what makes this book so charming and refreshing." -- Darwin Holmstrom, Motorcyclist, June 1998
From the Publisher
Author Allen Bartell took (to the) road to discover what freedom means to him. Join him as he explores his own Harley personality while logging 12,000 miles through Canada to Alaska. Experience the low and high points his travels offer as you come to understand how a Harley rider perceives the changing world around him. Through Bartell's prose you also feel what it's like to be the mysterious biker, to be different in the eyes of the world you're passing through. Bartell embraces his uncertain destiny on a Harley 883cc Sportster. Seeking adventure and meeting people are his only agenda. Some moments he is quiet and reflective, and others reckless and uninhibited. Along the way, he mingles free-form thoughts with famous quotes and poetry, exploring and developing a personal philosophy of the road and of a life enriched and expanded.
From the Back Cover
This story is for anyone who has ever been passed by a mysterious rider on a motorcycle and wondered what it would be like to drop everything and join the adventure. Allen Bartell does just that, embarking on a two month, 12,000 mile joyride through fourteen states and three Canadian provinces becoming the mysterious rider we have all contemplated. He shares his thoughts and observations along the way, some quiet and reflective, others reckless and uninhibited. He puts us in the saddle and shows the beauty of the north country along with the idiosyncrasies of the biking sub-culture. This is a story that would make Thurber's Walter Mitty proud, guaranteed to be wild and unpredictable like the highways Bartell traveled.