



outloud.By danielle pragerThanks to Geraldine, I've embarrassed myself numerous times on the subway. This is the kind of book that leaves you laughing uncontrollably, even at inopportune moments, where fellow subway riders think you are crazy. Geraldine says the things you wish you had the courage to say out loud (poop stories, non-Hollywood stories of marriage, crazy parents, etc.), but she does so with such humor and wit. I highly recommend this book. I promise the only reason you will put it down is to compose yourself after a serious laughing fit.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. I am still chuckling to myselfBy deeThis book made me laugh so hard I cried, and then made me cry so that I had to laugh. It is hilarious. It is touching. It was a pleasure to read. I finished and then I immediately started it again. Geraldine is SO real, and I mean in that she isn't cultivating a false perfect self; she let's it all hang out in real time. She is funny, moving, poignant, flawed, and entirely perfect in her humanness.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I Literally Laughed and CriedBy RuthBI loved this book. I've been a fan of Geraldine and her blog for years, and the book did not disappoint! It feels like a cliché to say "I laughed and I cried," but there were several laugh-out-loud funny moments and at least a couple points where I was decidedly misty-eyed.More than just a travel memoir, *All Over the Place* has a lot to say about how travel can connect you to your family and your history in ways you'd never expect; and how love (wuv, twoo wuv) is just as much about putting up with another person's uncontrollable vomiting, alarming family members, and crushing life stress as it is about sparkly-eyed selfies in front of scenic attractions. If you've ever had a trip with your beloved ruined by food poisoning, or gotten lost in a foreign country due to an unwarranted self-confidence in your ability to get places, or opted to spend an entire vacation eating cake and pottering around instead of Learning About Important History, this book is for you.

Some people are meant to travel the globe, to unwrap its secrets and share them with the world. And some people have no sense of direction, are terrified of pigeons, and get motion sickness from tying their shoes. These people are meant to stay home and eat nachos.

"Geraldine DeRuiter's *All Over the Place* is a travel memoir of sorts, but I'd enjoy reading pretty much any topic she wanted to cover. Her voice is funny, witty and warm, and her stories sparkle. This book is a travel companion you'll be happy you brought along."Lauren Graham, star of *Gilmore Girls* and New York Times bestselling author of *Talking as Fast as I Can*"I laughed so hard during the book's 'disclaimer' that I woke up my baby, and then actively ignored him to continue reading. Geraldine is at turns laugh-out-loud hilarious and grab-me-some-tissues tender, and all I could think of after reading this was 'can we take a trip together please?'"Nora McInerney Purmort, author of *It's Okay to Laugh (Crying Is Cool Too)*"DeRuiter's funny, honest portrayal of life's small and large adventures will convince any hesitant would-be traveler that you don't need bravery or even an above average sense of direction to venture out into the world—all you need is a plane ticket and a sense of humor (and maybe a plunger)."Rachel Friedman, author of *The Good Girl's Guide to Getting Lost*"*All Over the Place* is a hilarious, authentic travel guide through the most mysterious and wonderful territory of all: the human heart."Martha Brockenbrough, author of the award-winning novel *The Game of Love and Death*"Getting laid off from a job she adored opened the door to the blogosphere for DeRuiter, as she explains this irreverent, yet warm-hearted memoir. Readers of her blog the *Everywhereist* will be familiar with the author's style of using her personality quirks and health issues as the foundation for her conversation with the reader and revelations on life. "I hail from a long, nervous line of hypochondriacs," DeRuiter explains. Being afraid of travel and lacking a sense of direction haven't hindered her but rather helped her explore the world. "So, if there is any advice I could dispense, it would be this: it's absolutely incredible the things you can learn from not having a clue about where you're going." Her intimate memoir chronicles her adventures during the seven years she spent crisscrossing the globe, learning to understand and accept quirky family members. The author delves into her relationship with a workaholic-but-loving husband and a serious health crisis. DeRuiter's memoir is a light-hearted look at travel and learning to live life to the fullest each day, even if you not quite sure where you are going."Publishers WeeklyAbout the AuthorAfter getting laid off from her copywriting job, Geraldine DeRuiter hit the road, and began chronicling her travel adventures on her blog, *The Everywhereist*. Seven years and many, many posts later, the *Everywhereist* has racked up thousands of fans, millions of page views, and plenty of buzz: it was named one of Time magazine's Top 25 Blogs of the Year, one of Forbes magazine's Top 10 Lifestyle Websites for Women for three consecutive years, The Independent's 50 Best Travel Websites, and The Huffington Post's Top Travel Blogs. Whether it's eating roasted guinea pig in Peru, yelling at locals in Rome, or struggling to decipher the behavior of her fellow passengers ("Why would you use an airplane lavatory without shoes on?"), DeRuiter tackles travel with an equal mix of snark and heart as she hops around the globe with her husband, Rand Fishkin.