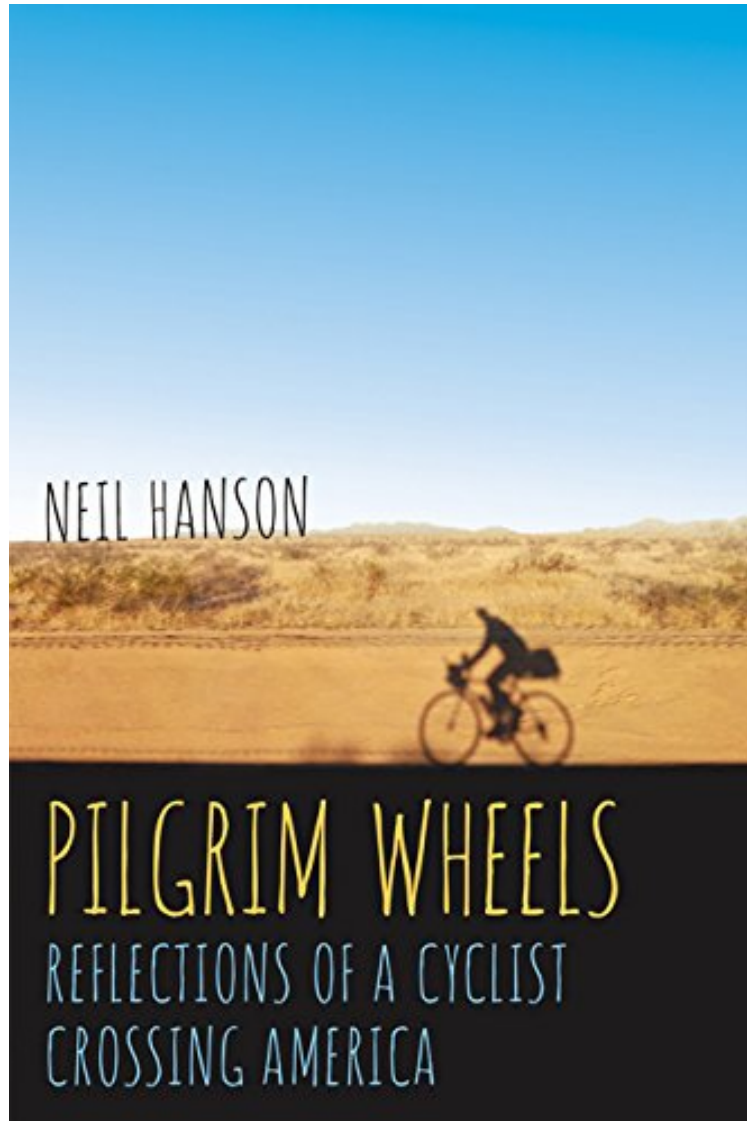


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Neil M Hanson : Pilgrim Wheels: Reflections of a Cyclist Crossing America before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pilgrim Wheels: Reflections of a Cyclist Crossing America:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. More than just an adventure story! By Ray Wishart I always enjoy reading books from people my age that do some pretty amazing things, like riding a bike across country. Neil not only does a great job of being an inspiration, but each chapter goes far beyond the technical end of the story. He talks about people he meets (which is typical of this genre) but also goes much deeper into thoughts of his own. When you ride

long distances, like Neil or myself, you spend a lot of hours lost in thought. Most people never record those thoughts to discuss with others; Neil puts it all out there for the reader to also think about. Most of these books I enjoy reading but that's it. However, I would love to sit down one day in one of the obscure places that Neil talks about finding along the route to enjoy a cheeseburger and a few beers with him. Very good read!4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. The joys and travails of a self-propelled journeyBy StonewortNeil's book conveys the joys and travails of a self-propelled journey, which is so different--physically and mentally--from any other kind. I cringed when I read that his knee was bothering him, because it reminded me of the trek Neil and I shared on the Appalachian Trail in 1977. Neil's knee blew out on that trip, and despite three days of rest in a state park lean-to and a visit to a small-town doctor, there was no recourse but for him to get off the trail. Obviously, this time his knee recovered. What astounds me is that all these years later Neil is healthy and determined enough to accomplish a cross-county bike trip, which would stymie most people a third our age. The idea of it certainly stymied me when Neil called to ask if I wanted to join him for a stretch. My bad back can't handle it anymore, and I had to decline. This book reminded me of the flights of fancy one's mind takes to cope with long distances traveled on foot or bike. And it conjured up the ecstasy found in simple pleasures, like ice-cold water, a hot shower, and a sublime sunrise on the prairie. I wish I could've been there. This book was very tightly written and flows smoothly. I'm looking forward to another vicarious adventure when the book on the second half of Neil's journey comes out.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great bookBy Jon HoodI had not heard of the title prior to reading so was a little skeptical. It was thoroughly enjoyable and will lead me to part II. The author mixes parable like ante dotes in with riding a bike thousands of miles and does it without a single tired cliché or phrase that might feel too thought out. Will recommend to my guy buddies and not necessarily just riders.

Award-winning and best-selling saga of an epic American journey.

"A terrifically observed story of a bicycle journey. Neil Hanson captures perfectly what it's like to ride the open roads. The prose makes you feel brutal headwinds, unimaginable inclines, and the heat and dryness of the desert, where 'there's no instrument for the wind to play.' The small encounters, little epiphanies, kindnesses from strangers, and recollections make this story compelling and unique. This is *On the Road* meets *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*. The writing is superb. Honestly, I couldn't put it down."~ George O'Har, Author of *The Thousand Hour Club*"Hanson takes the reader with him in a way few authors can. You feel the heat of "sledgehammer sun" in the Sonoran desert, the hot wind that blows him across the Mojave. You can feel the dogs nipping at his heels, the steep climbs."