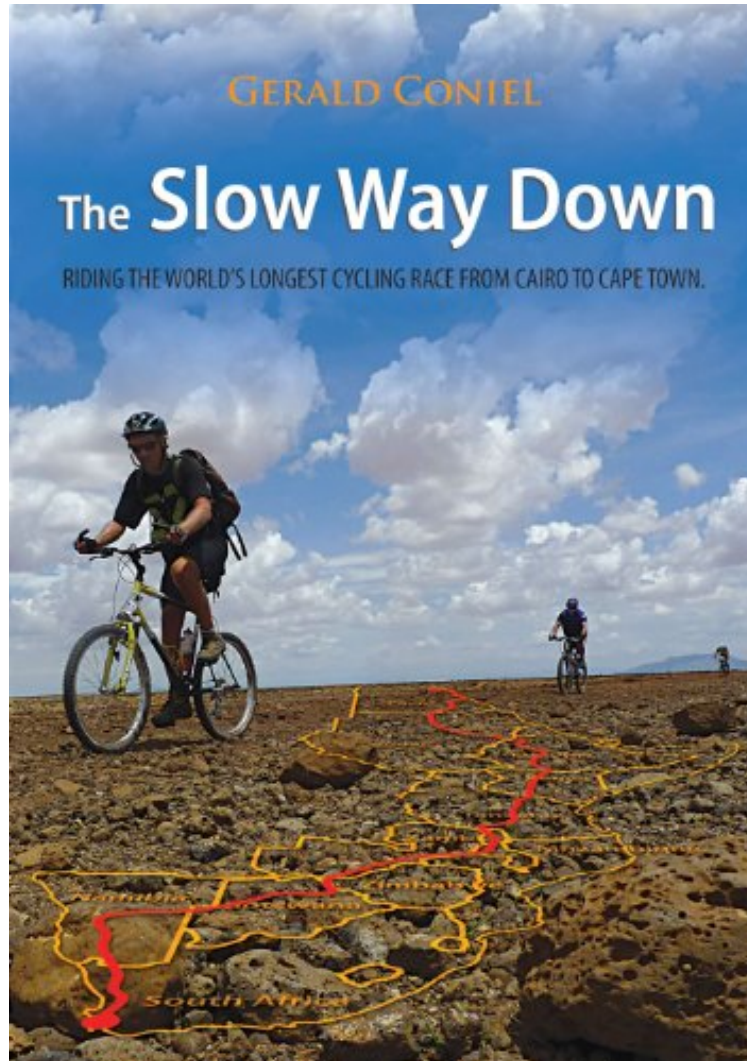


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A must for all Africa-fans and bicycle-fansVon burainerDuring the Tour d'Afrique 2010 we followed Gerald via his blog on which he posted nearly every day pictures and written episodes of this race.Geralds blog was our source to feel in touch with our friend Gisi who was riding the race to collect donations for our projects in Kenya.When Gerald told me that he wrote a book about his tour I couldn't resist and ordered a copy immediately.Compared to the blog this book is much more. The stories about the daily fight with the roads and conditions are mixed up with background information about the countries they traveled through.Gerald is not only telling in breathtaking words a great story about his ride

through Africa, he is also a brilliant poet who gives you the feeling riding on behalf of him, seeing with his eyes, and starving with his stomach. The most fascinating thing for me are the deep insights into a man's strong will to reach his personal goal: finishing the race with EFI - which means having done Every Fabulous Inch by yourself. Out of about 60 drivers only 13 reached Cape Town having their EFI status. I couldn't stop reading until I finished EFI (each fascinating insight) into this big adventure.

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Von David Saevitzon This is a fast paced, exciting and spirited book - a personal account of Gerald Coniel's 2010 transcontinental bicycle ride from Cairo to Cape Town. In it he explores the highs and lows - both physically and emotionally - he experienced along the way. It's a real page-turner. Coniel cycled as one of 60 or so participants in the annual cycling expedition organized by Tour D'Afrique, a Toronto based adventure cycling company. The ride passes through 10 countries and includes a traverse of the Sahara Desert, the Ethiopian Highlands and the beautiful Tanzanian countryside. He pulls no punches in describing the challenges along the way, from treacherous lava rock roads in Northern Kenya, to dangerously aggressive children in Ethiopia to ailments that come with 4 months of riding in sometimes (mostly?) less than ideal circumstances. Through the adventure, Coniel's 'glass half full' attitude is on display. He manages to find humour in the most desperate and dispiriting situations - and is not afraid of laughing at himself. The book is full of anecdotes of personal, social and physical triumphs - and gaffes - told in a self-effacing and straight forward way. The writing is unaffected, brisk and colorful. The book is more than a cycling 'story'. Coniel provides insight and comment on the social and economic conditions he encounters along the way. As such the book is half travelogue - half personal journey - and succeeds by finding the right balance between the two.

A great read and highly recommended.

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Von coniel celine A passion for wildlife and human encounters, an incredible race like none other In the world, the book is really captivating till last page. Far from European standard of life, reading this amazing adventure is really escaping in another world, bicycle facilitate the contact with locals and we feel inside the race, sharing the pain and the beauty ... such as livingstone probably did. Strategie, luck, brotherhood have been probably the good cocktail to ride through each single inch from Cairo to Cape Town, more than the sport challenge, the author open the mind on other culture where happiness is not necessary connected to money, where poorness can match with education, where millions of abandoned children are surviving In the bush A real picture of Africa, quite different than the one we are use to hear from the media.

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