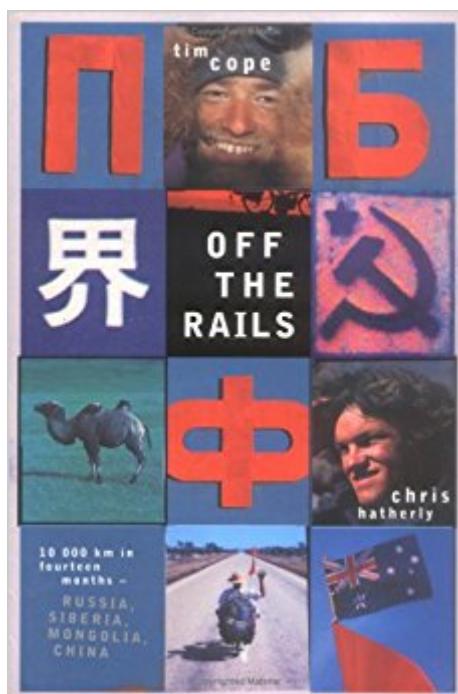


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Off The Rails: 10,000 Km In Fourteen Months - Russia, Siberia, Mongolia, And China



Synopsis

It was one of those moments when you become so deeply involved with the experience that you begin to blend with the dirt. This is the story of two twenty year old boys who travel on recumbent bicycles from Russia, across Siberia, the Gobi Desert, Mongolia to Beijing, in China. The journey takes fourteen months to complete across some of the world's most hard-to-access terrain.

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Tim Cope has written travel pieces for newspapers & magazines, & had many of his photographs published. Chris Hatherley received the 1997 Australian Geographic Young Adventurer of the Year award for his around Australia ride.

This is a great read documenting the highs and lows of a friendship as it is stretched across 10,000km of rough road. I initially found this book after watching a documentary featuring one of the authors, Tim, as he journeyed across the central Asian steppe on a horse. He referred to the journey documented in this book in the introduction so I decided to check it out. I'm really glad I did! The diverse adventures they experience both on and off the bike kept me turning the pages well past when I should have gone to bed. The chapter by chapter author switching was also well done, striking a good balance between their two, often differing, viewpoints about the trip.

If you're into cycle touring, as I am, or just love a real life adventure story, this is the book for you. These two guys set out to cross Russia in the dead of winter and did it. Unbelievable hardships,

funny encounters, innovative trials and errors, arguments, ups and downs. This story has it all. A testament to the human spirit, and a warning: Don't try to cycle across Russia in the winter. Hard enough in the summer.

Thank you to Chris and Tim for sharing with us this exceptional journey. Through every word they wrote transpired their love of life, of nature and of other cultures. Their story is an inspiration for all of us. A story about dreaming, about believing in your dreams and about trusting yourself to see it through. Congratulations guys!

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