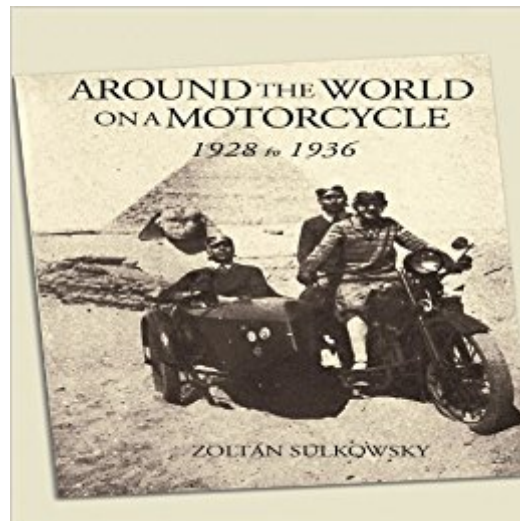




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The year was 1928 when two young Hungarians decided to travel around the world on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle with sidecar. Like Robert Fulton, whose circumnavigation of the globe is chronicled in his popular 1937 book *One Man Caravan*

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Zoltan Sulkowsky was 25 years old when he left Hungary, drawn by wanderlust. His goal was to see and learn as much as he could and to keep a journal to record his observations and adventures. As his plan crystallized, one thought led to another and Sulkowsky and his friend Gyula Bartha found themselves on a motorcycle and full of determination to make their way around the world.

If you are looking for a 21st century, "action" motorcycle adventure, don't read this book. This book is not about Ewan and Charley's pursuit of hardship on a motorcycle. Traveling around the world on a motor driven vehicle, nearly a century ago was just as different from today as it is the way we talk about adventures. When Google Earth was not in use and many places paved roads were not options - if there were passable roads to the destination at all - the notion of adventure travel has not been introduced yet. Travel to this extent was the adventure itself. Knowledge on people, culture and customs of remote lands were so little that you could make your living on making live presentations of a journey, once you survived it. Amidst sweeping pandemics, free roaming bandits

and wild animals with limited resources and no satellite communication or even telephone, many globetrotters vanished on their trip, leaving no trace or even the slightest hint of their faith behind. When hardship was the norm of long-distance travel and B&W photos of distant locations were subject of the most intense curiosity, eyewitness explorers become the center of attention. Enthusiastic listeners of their presentations or readers of their publications however, were more interested in what world travelers saw and experienced than in their personal hardships. Thus, stories of that time had been focused more on describing foreign lands and less emphasis put on the many instances of excruciating struggle they went through. Eyewitnesses talked more about places they visited and less about themselves as we'd come to expect from a motorcycle adventure book today. This book is a great reading if you approach it in the correct way. It's a journey in distance and time. Traveling in the virtual saddle with these two daring globetrotters between the two World Wars not only teaches us about the then current social, political and economical landscape of their extensive trip but we can also see the roads less traveled through their classic goggles. This book is a very enjoyable reading for those who are interested in motorcycling with historical perspective presented in a casual manner.

great read

received as birthday gift haven't read it yet but am excited to get to it. love reading about motorcycle world travel especially old stuff.

I have nearly finished reading this marvelous book describing an almost unbelievable, challenging and historical trip around the world in a very interesting time period between the Great War and WWII. I have read many great motorcycle adventure books and this is one of the best. Very well written and historically fascinating. [...] Click on Facebook link for more motorcycle information.

Best Motorcycle travel book I have read, very informative and gives a good insight into history of the 1930`s as well. I will read this book more than once. I have now read the book for the third time and enjoyed it as much as the first time. These guys, true pioneers in motorcycling and travel. Still remains my best read book on motorcycle travel. I will soon be travelling my own book but it will never be as in the 1930`s.

Very well written.. Portrays the world in those days in a very informative and interesting way, by a

very mature and knowledgeable young man.

This was an interesting read. It's like reading a time capsule and returning to a simpler, and very different world. If you are thinking of getting this, then consider "One Man Caravan", which is superior to this in many ways. If you have already read that book and enjoyed it, then read this, but I suspect you won't enjoy it as much.

Excellent description of life around the world between the two world wars by intrepid traveler as described in the first person.

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