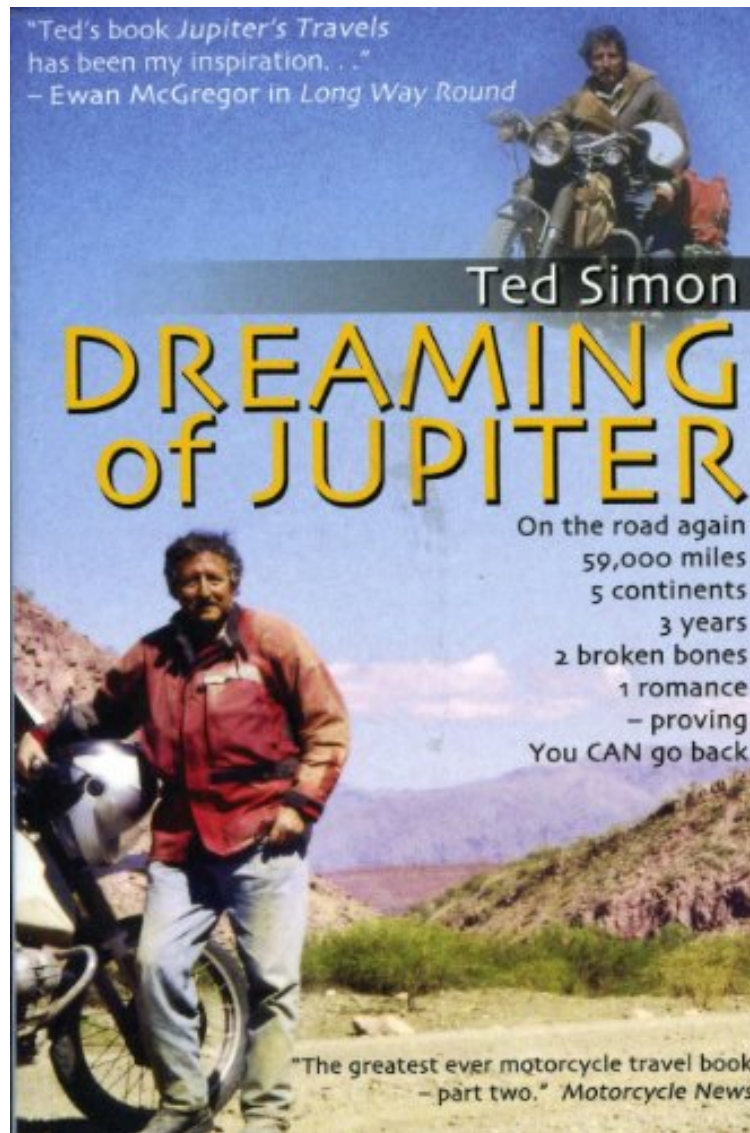


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**Ted Simon : Dreaming of Jupiter: In Search of the World--Thirty Years On** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dreaming of Jupiter: In Search of the World--Thirty Years On:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. For MothersBy C.P. This book helped me to appreciate why my son would want to take up motorcycle touring again after a near fatal accident. It really is a good read. I started with this book sequel, wanting to get the perspective from someone in my age range. I got my feet wet by watching Long Way

Round and Down, but this narrative seems more authentic. There is no caravan of over-sized support vehicles. Now, I understand and fully support my son and his adventures. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An inspiration to any traveller, esp doing it twice !!By Noel HenryExcellent read. Much better I felt than the original Jupiters Travels and its sequel Riding High. Having said that you need to read them to put this book in context. I even bought the photography book to go with the original to see how the photos matched the descriptions. This book seems more personable; Ted gets angry at border officials, frustrated by bad road congestion in cities, road works in Africa and South America, breaks a leg, yet still sees much of a positive nature in the world around us. I have been to many of the places Ted describes as an Afro/Asia overland tour leader, starting ten years later in the 1980's, and noted even then how some countries were changing even over a period of 6 months. Many of the roads in Africa were near impassable even in a 4wd truck let alone a motorbike and the queue at the Iranian/Turkish border hadn't changed since Ted was there in 1977. Nairobi has got worse as have the roads. Lots of poor everywhere, I was shocked to see beggars in New York city. I bought these books thinking of heading off again on some travels and perhaps by motorbike ( a really great way to experience the world and all its smells and sights and cultures) but think I might stick to 4 wheels after being reminded of the gear you need for long distance on a bike. Travelling is definitely a bug, and once you have it is very hard to give up. Totally agree with Ted that humans are a cancer on the planet and are somewhat overdue for extinction. But hey, until then, get out there and live life, because you are a long time dead, and no one gets out of here alive !4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Not Jupiter's Travels. By John C. Ellis Ted Simon and the world he rode through have changed...and not necessarily for the good. That was the message I got. While Jupiter's Travels was an amazing enchanted ride through a time now long gone... "Dreaming" is more of a slog through an over-crowded, disappointing, sense of the loss of youth and place. Everything has gone or changed for the worse. Damned depressing. Its an interesting book and I suppose you should read it if you are a fan of Simon or of motorcycles, but it has very little of its predecessor's magic qualities. Simon is to be applauded for even attempting to recreate his epic circumnavigation at his tender old age. Unfortunately, Ted knows he is now a "commodity" and his prose reflect this knowledge. That, and his "Global Citizen" philosophizing, grew tiresome. This is not the young Ted Simon who left on a rainy London night in 1972 and returned almost 4 years later a changed man. Like Simon's second time around, I might have been better off not reading this sequel and living in the nostalgic glow of Jupiter's Travels.

Back in the seventies, Ted Simon drove a Triumph motorcycle around the world. His book, Jupiter's Travels, became the acknowledged classic of motorcycle adventure. It inspired thousands, Ewan McGregor included, to roam the globe. Now in his own seventies, thirty years after his epic journey began, Ted has retraced that epic journey, still on a bike, to rediscover himself, his world and the memorable characters he met. A remarkable perspective on the world today.

About the Author Ted Simon is a journalist and the author of several travel books including the international bestseller Jupiter's Travels.