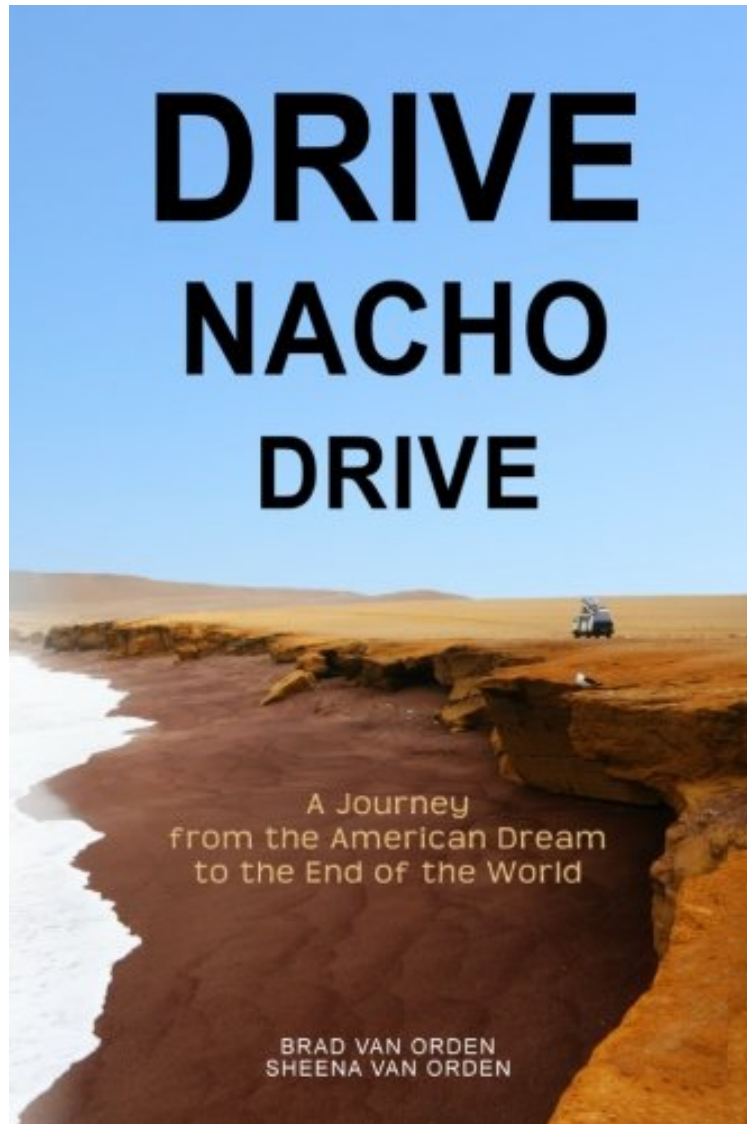


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great read for those lusting for adventure! By Erin E. Davis I found this book while searching for a random adventure book while waiting for a delayed flight at the airport. Little did I

know, until starting to read it, that I went to high school with the author! Small world. Familiarity aside, this is a great read for anyone like me who's an avid traveler with a wicked case of wanderlust! As a former ill fated Vanagon owner (R.I.P Nelson Vandela), all of their van maintenance problems made me laugh and cringe. What separates those of us who dream of driving a 30 year old van with a well-deserved reputation for mechanical problems across the Americas, and those who actually do it, is mechanically know-how, and Brad has it. Thank god, or this book would have been pretty short! From their mechanical problems to the amazing food, culture, and scenery, this book makes you feel as though you're experiencing the adventure along with Brad and Sheena. I can't wait to read Part 2 of the e-book!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. These folks know how to write. By Mike HBrad and Sheena take turns writing chapters, covering what it's like to just pick up and go. The style is warm and conversational and engaging, describing all the sights and sounds and people along the way, both good and bad. It's a great look into the things that go into and come out of long term overland travel, and a good read for those pondering a trip of their own, but even those who aren't could get a kick out of the ridiculous situations the couple goes through.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. More about the van than the adventure By SucksIt's unlikely I will be picking up the second installment of this couple's journey. This book spent way too much time focusing on the van and its mechanical failures and nowhere near enough time on the people and places they visited. Some of the people they meet and stay with along the way pop into the story without explanation of who they are. They're mentioned by name and I ask myself, "Who is this person? When did they enter the story? And why should I care?" Then by the next chapter they've disappeared without explanation. Places they visit are mentioned but never given a personal touch. At one point it's mentioned that they're going to drive through El Salvador. That would've been an interesting chapter to read considering the country's history and political climate. But by the next chapter they're already in Nicaragua with no mention of El Salvador. It really feels like chunks of the adventure were omitted so the author could talk more about the van's transmission failure.

On an afternoon just like many before it, Brad Van Orden sat at his desk. When a coworker meandered past his window, Brad succumbed to an impulse and blurted out the most outlandish thing he could think of "Hey Steve, let's drive your hippie bus to Tierra del Fuego." This prompted Steve's halfhearted response: "I don't think so." But this got Brad thinking. What if we just dropped everything and left? Isn't there more to life than this? He messaged his wife with a question: "Want to do this?," to which she immediately responded: "Yes!" They clearly had no idea what they were getting themselves into. Drive Nacho Drive tells the hilarious and sometimes harrowing story of what happens when Brad and Sheena Van Orden trade in the American Dream for a year on the roads of Central and South America aboard "Nacho," their quirky and somewhat temperamental Volkswagen van. As a result of questionable decision-making skills and intermittent bad luck, Brad and Sheena repeatedly find themselves in over their heads. Whether negotiating cliff-hanging roads in rebel territory, getting caught illegally smuggling a transmission in a suitcase over international lines, mounting a stealth mission to steal Nacho back from a deranged Colombian auto dismantler, or clinging to the side of a vegetable truck while descending a 16,000 foot Andean pass, there seems to be no limit to the predicaments that these two can get themselves into. With Drive Nacho Drive, the Van Ordens deliver a thoughtful, hilarious, and mouthwatering depiction of adventure and misadventure on the Pan-American highway one that will leave you simultaneously shaking your head and holding your sides, while asking yourself, isn't there more to life than this?