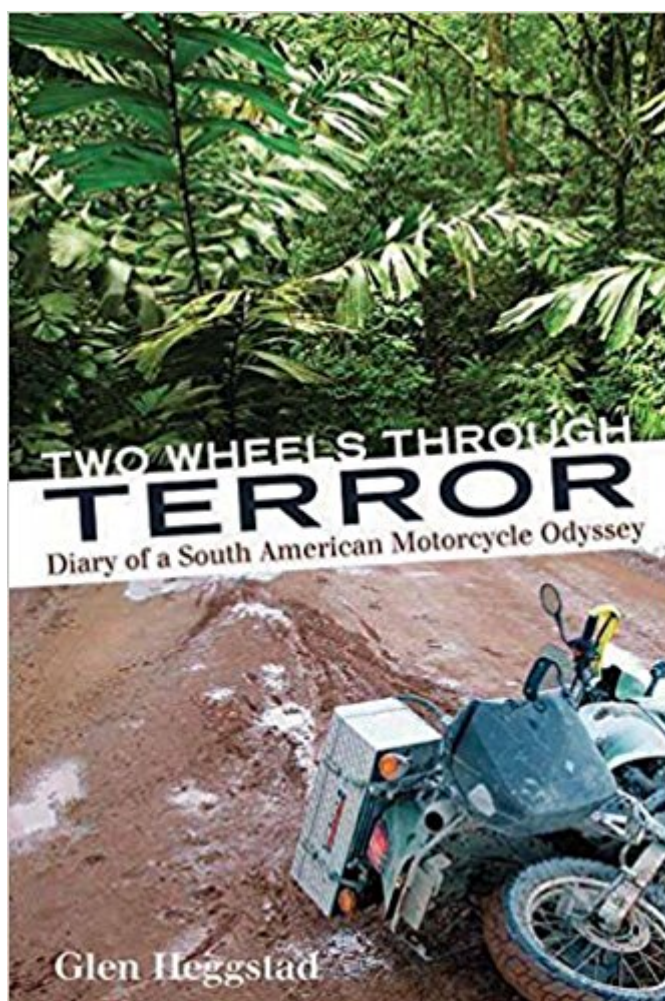


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Glen Heggstad is an adventure motorcyclist who seeks out and rides the most

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"...a compelling story about bravery in the face of terror, [and] perseverance in overcoming adversity..." -- Peter Doyle, Producer [To Hell and Back](#); CBS News "His terrifying account...sends chills down my spine... The story of his kidnapping justifies buying this book." -- Ted Simon, author of [Jupiter's Travels](#) "I've known Glen Heggstad for 25 years...this book is as unique as the man himself." -- Chuck Zito, [Hell's Angel](#) and author of [Street Justice](#) "Straight to the point with moods and emotions that come right off the page..." -- Jimmy Lewis, Cycle World Magazine Editor

Glen Heggstad was the youngest Hells Angel ever voted in, and his story of harrowing capture by Colombian rebels has been featured on "48 Hours," "Larry King Live," MSNBC, a National Geographic Channel docudrama, and NPR. He is an international martial arts champion and the author of "One More Day Everywhere."

A fun read into one man's journey through Latin America on a motorcycle. Glen's story reminds me of The Motorcycle Diaries but from a gringo perspective with darker overtones. At times the struggle with equipment roads and weather was too imposing to read as I felt I too needed to dry out my

boots and look for a better path....or wait it out until things cleared up. I couldn't imagine facing these types of dilemmas everyday for 8 months. I'd prefer to stay in an Air BnB rental with climate control. I found the writing style to be easy and fun to read. It took 4 days to read the book. I was very pleased with my purchase and as an avid traveler to Latin America I learned a few things regarding border crossings and off the beaten path places that I have yet to visit.

This book is a great read! I dare you to read it slow. Can't be done... The story grips you and the journey is shared - the good, the bad and the scary. This is not an ordinary travel book. Glen's reflective writing style adds to the adventure. He records his journey, shares his thoughts, and discusses his feelings. Glen is a caring and sociable traveler. Two Wheels chronicles his day-to-day adventures as well as his thoughts. The Central and South America life style is compared to the "American way" we take for granted. But then again is the "American way" better? Not always. Soon you too are reflecting right along with Glen. At least I was. I picked up the book when researching a possible project in rural Colombia. The job did not materialize - another company won the bid - however the book provided a happy side benefit - I regained my interest in adventurous travel. After a 10 year hiatus I am planning my next trip. I only wish I too could travel to Tierra del Fuego and back. Maybe... Once you finish this book I dare say you will follow along with his subsequent journey - One More Day Everywhere: Crossing 50 Borders on the Road to Global Understanding. Then start planning your next trip. Let me know - maybe I can travel along. One More Day Everywhere: Crossing 50 Borders on the Road to Global Understanding

Sometimes you have to give in to the stresses of life--and other times you have to gut it out no matter what gets in your way. Glen Heggstad set out with a goal to ride from Palm Springs to Tierra del Fuego. Communist rebels in Columbia delayed him setting that goal for five weeks. No one could fault him for giving up, going home, healing up, dealing with the emotional trauma, and putting back on the 55 pounds he lost. No one, except Glen himself. He got another bike shipped in from the states and completed his journey. He wouldn't let the terrorists win. This is adventure writing at it's finest--a true story of striving through impossible odds to complete a journey--to reach a goal--to finish the job he started. Heggstad's DEFINITELY full of himself--but it isn't arrogance--it's well-deserved and accurate self-esteem. He's a larger-than-life figure, living a larger-than-life life. His writing is filled with a bravado attitude that would be an exaggeration for most people--not for Heggstad. His kidnapping and captivity only take up a small portion of the book. The rest is devoted to his travels--depicted richly and vividly. It's a biker's dream come true--just get on the bike and

keep going. THAT'S what this book's about: the ride, and the people you meet along the way. That's why Glen made the journey--the same reason all motorcyclists make the journey. I couldn't put it down--well, except for times it motivated me to get on my bike and go for a ride.

A riveting account of one man's journey to hell and back. Heggstad's words leap off the page and keep you wanting more. He earns your admiration for even attempting such a trip, let alone the hardships he endured along the way. He, and his book, are one in a million.

I purchased this book after seeing the story on the television show locked up abroad. This is high stakes drama right out of hollywood. Only it's the real nightmare that you can't wake up from. Even knowing the story, I couldn't put the book down. No episodes of Survivor or Bear Grylls teaches you how to get out of this kind of mess. And how the author did was one of the most impressive plans that one could have come up with under those stresses. A feat that was no doubt enabled by years of martial arts training. Weaker individuals might have failed. The book was also complete with surprise ending which demonstrated the author's most impressive show of strength of will. The fact that he completed what he set out to do. Impressive! This book will appeal to motorcycle enthusiasts, outdoor adventure seekers, Nat Geo viewers. The guys who wrote long way down, they had it too easy. I was sorry to find out that Glenn had actually toured BMW shops and presented the story live about 30 miles from my town. Unfortunately it was well before I had actually heard of the story. Enjoy the book.

Glen Heggstad writes with clarity, allowing you to gain an insight into his thoughts and emotions. This is particularly evident during his incarceration by the ELN in Colombia. The disappointing aspect of the book is that Glenn only allocates 60 odd pages to the return leg of his adventure. Either he ran out of steam writing or the publisher didn't want a 600 page epic. Whatever the reason it leaves you a bit flat. There are many locations and situations that are glossed over. It leaves you wanting in the sense that the descriptive flavours of the past 200 pages are severely lacking. I'm not sure what is worse a book you don't like or one that trails off into a bland narrative leaving you with a sense of disappointment.

Easy reading and very interesting. I did wish Glen would have went into a little more detail about the bike and maintenance it required.

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