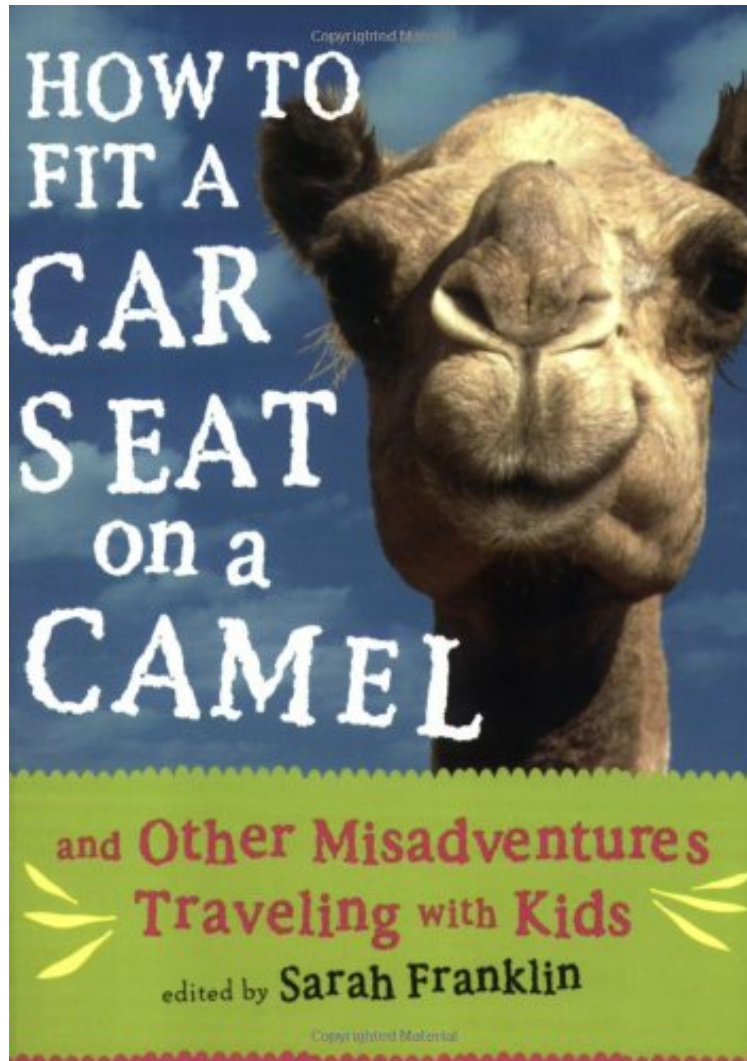


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Kind of stressed me out...By J. HarrisThis is billed as a collection of humorous stories about traveling with kids. Some of the stories were funny, but most of them were totally painful. As in "I totally saw that coming" kind of painful (the kid who pukes if he's given milk on car trips has milk, then pukes). They were also almost stereotypical in their portrayal of "the kids are in charge" parenting (the parents who sing their

daughter her favorite kiddy songs on demand for the entire 6 hours of their trip). Then there were the purely crazy (the ones who took their unvaccinated toddler to live in the Andes for 3 months and the ones who took a 4 month old baby canoeing down a river with whitewater). As a parent who has done their share of solo road trips with kids, international travel with kid, camping with kids and now an international move - with kids, I have to say I didn't really relate to most of these stories. Yes, it's different than traveling without kids. There will be stories for sure, but most of the so called disasters in this book were so avoidable it wasn't even funny. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A classic anthology of travel-gone-wrong By Merrie Everyone has their traveling stories - the tales of hopeless airline snarls, getting lost with a little one and no time to spare on a road trip, or taking on the super-human effort of packing everyone in your family up for a vacation only to find out that the hotel never actually noted your reservation and doesn't, in fact, have a room for you. Those are the kinds of stories you'll laugh at in about five years. Or maybe ten. With this delightful anthology, you get the laughs without the personal disasters and expense. How to Fit a Car Seat on a Camel is packed with stories that will ring true for anyone who has ever negotiated unfriendly traveling conditions, or companions. Have you ever found yourself playing Toddler Jukebox, non-stop, on a four hour roadtrip? Elrena Evans has, and informs you that you can sing "ABC Spider" exactly 488 times. Ever found yourself identifying with Holly Korbey's husband when he suggested to his toddler that the reason behind the rain on the day of the Great Airplane Trip, two days before Christmas, was because God was laughing at Mommy so hard he was crying? The excellent essays include stories of all the travel extremes, from knotty airline travels during holidays to a week's vacation with three little ones to the beach, to a mommy-pilot taking her daughter on her first plane ride (as co-pilot, no less), to traveling Europe with a cranky teenager who refuses to speak English or pull out a map when lost - a sure giveaway to the tourist status. This book will give you a light dose of humor - and perspective, if you've been lucky enough to avoid such traveling misadventures. The best stories are the ones that everyone has experienced in some form or another, and this book won't disappoint. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not as funny as I was hoping.. By jade19721 From the looks of the book you would expect the book to be quite funny. I think I found 1 story to be hilarious. The others were either annoying because the parents were dumber than rocks or they were the equivalent of reading something out of the Chicken soup for the soul books. If I wanted heartwarming and touching I would watch Oprah or turn on the Lifetime Channel. I kept reading because I was hoping that at least another story would be funny or amusing, but it never happened. This was just not my cup of tea, but I'm sure others would find it appealing.

Have you ever struggled to dislodge a nostril-bound Cheerio while navigating the interstate at 70 miles an hour? Discovered exactly how many renditions of Row, Row, Row Your Boat it takes for you to pull the car to the side of the road and weep? Or experienced just what happens when your miniature traveling companion pulls the manual override lever on the emergency exit door of a plane? You're not alone. We all have memories of a hideous yet hilarious family trip. Now you can read about some that make your trip look like a vacation with the Waltons. Edited by Sarah Franklin, *How to Fit a Car Seat on a Camel* is an anthology of outrageous stories about the inherent misadventures that revolve around traveling with kids. Whether the trip is with newborn triplets or with moody teens, a road trip to the beach or a European vacation, each story will resonate with parents who hit the road or the tarmac with kids in tow.

Tales of travels begun with optimism and sometimes ending with vomiting, tears, or near-nervous breakdowns -- take your pick -- fill the new book "*How to Fit a Car Seat on a Camel*," edited by Sarah Franklin (Seal Press, \$15.95). Franklin tells of her own naiveté about travel with kids in the book's introduction: "My husband and I were that cliché of the 30-something childless couple, traveling here, there and everywhere, with just a copy of *The New Yorker* and the latest iPod as accessories. Trips we made from our home in Seattle include Alaska, Hawaii, England, Wales, California, New York and the foothills of the Canadian Rockies." Franklin and hubby would look at each other and say: "We can still do all this with the baby, you know. Yeah, we were that cliché, too." Their travels -- crossing the Atlantic four times with baby, Jonah -- inspired the collection of stories. -- *The Fresno Bee*, May 12, 2008