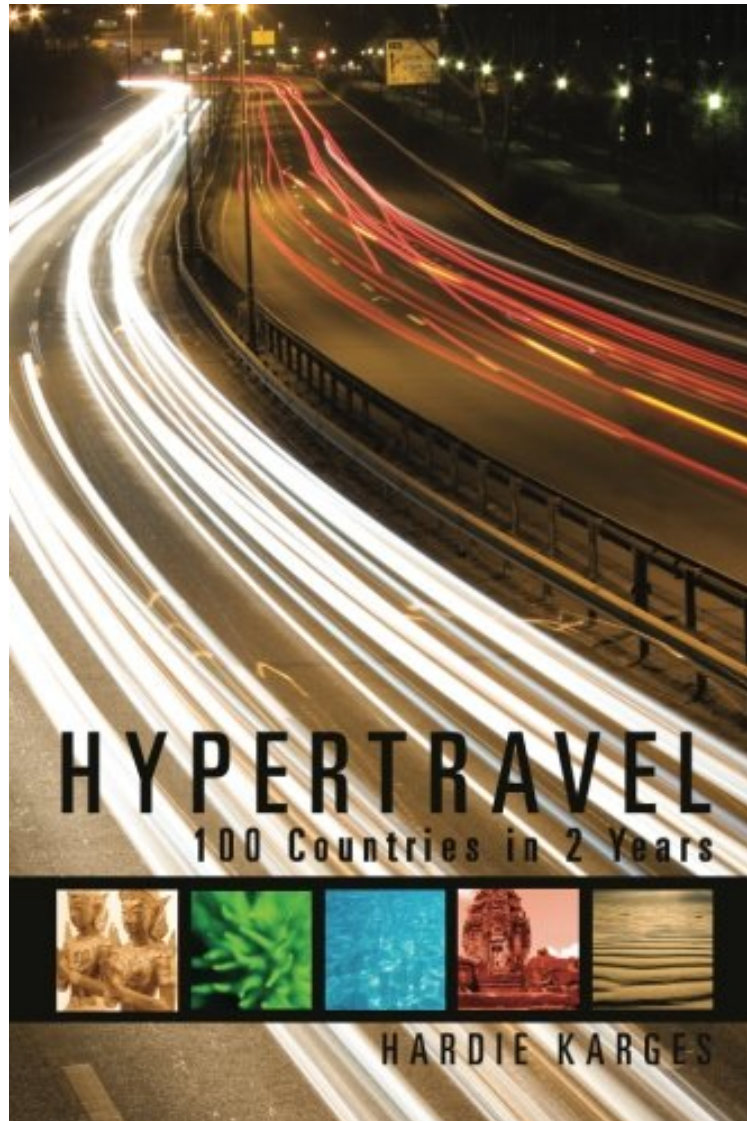


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Hardie Karges : Hypertravel: 100 Countries in 2 Years before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hypertravel: 100 Countries in 2 Years:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Amazing Informative By gumbyen If you take your daily dose of travel with two lumps of humor, then this is the book for you. The author gives his view of travel infused with historical reference, philosophical irony and witty astute observations. Can't ask for more than that! 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fast Travel Fast Read By Christine Johnson Hardie writes the way he travels -

frenetically. Interesting story but would have been a much better book with good editing - what might be interesting in a blog intended for friends is not always as interesting to strangers. If he wants the book to appeal to others outside the US he needs to use fewer comparisons to American cities and less use of the expression "Go figure", when confronted with places whose cultures operate from non-western perspectives. If his priorities are WiFi, good coffee and people who speak English then he would be better off staying home. In addition, the use of text language - for example, BTW, is off-putting in travel literature, and takes away from the actual story. This is a pity because the challenge Hardie set for himself was monumental, and he should be congratulated for achieving it. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Really interesting!

By Bonnie Neely
Hypertravel: 100 Countries in Two Years by Hardie Karges is one of the best written and most interesting travel books I ever read. I find it almost impossible to believe that someone in mid-life could make this unique and sometimes trying or grueling trip! Although all the travel was not in one extended period, he did cover all of it in two years, around the world and much, much more. His descriptions and experiences in each place include geo-political and historical and cultural context on each of five continents. His goal is to visit every country in the world! And in this one he tells about the highlights and keynote facts of each of the 100 he passed through. He does not tell you how to do a similar trip, not the typical where to eat and where to stay kind of travel book. You will find this one well written, compelling, enticing, very interesting and insightful. I loved it! It made me want to go, but it also made me decide I could never do it in the manner in which he travelled because he was at a strategic crossroads of his life, fulfilling his dream in his own way.

In his mid-fifties Hardie Karges suddenly finds himself at a crossroads in his life, career, and relationship, so decides to do (again) the one thing that he does better than anything else travel. That means cashing in some frequent-flyer miles and heading to South America, specifically the four southernmost countries that he has yet to visit. Ah, that felt good. So two months later, that crossroads is still there, but there is no obvious path, indeed more like a half-dozen of them, one for each continent. So he decides to finally put into action a plan he's had for some time, to go to every country in the world. The result some two years later is a hundred countries visited for a personal total of 139, almost three-fourths of the world total. These are the tales of Karges' travels in that intense period of hyper-travel, a combination guide and narrative, with only one qualification he doesn't tell how to do it. That's your job. He tells how it's done, by someone who's done it for most of his life. This is a guide for people who hate travel guides. This is the one-stop guide that will give you both glimpse and insight into half the world's countries, all recently visited, all applied to the same criteria of critique. This is the guide that tells you the cultural, geo-political and historical context of a country, not where to eat or where to stay. This is the guide that tells you which countries just plain suck. The happy ending is right around the next corner.

About the Author
Veteran blogger and traveler Hardie Karges made his first trip out of his home country USA at the age of twenty-one, a trip to the neighboring country of Mexico in the winter of 1975-1976. The next year he went to Central America and stayed almost three months, the following year South America for almost four. He was hooked. Thus began a career in the import and export of folk art and handicrafts from around the world. He has now been to some one hundred forty countries, has published poetry, made videos, and writes blogs on travel and world music, in addition to his personal blog. "Hypertravel: 100 Countries in 2 Years" is his first full-length book.