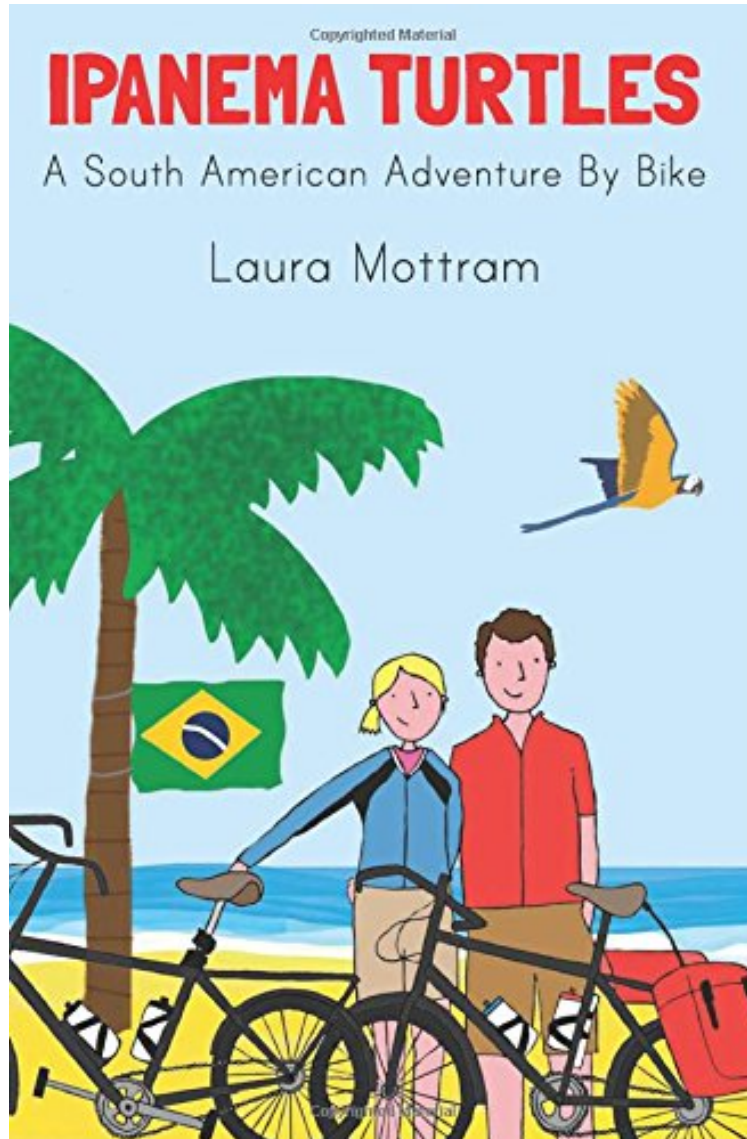


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Normal people do crazy things that appear to be normal once you finish reading the bookBy ItayWhat a fun book. Cycling around South America appears to be so crazy, till you read about people who have actually done it.In this book, you join a couple, Laura and Patty (known as Patrick "the handsome" in some circles), a mainstream couple with jobs at London, who decided to break away and try something

new. Against friends' advice (saying it is unsafe) and the craziness of it (sleeping in tents with wild animals around), they decide to go for it and travel the world. It's a normal person doing crazy things that in the end appear to be a normal type of book experience. As the book covers their journey, Laura puts the places they visit into historical context and spices up the story with Patty's perspective on how things looked from the other side. This results in a rich storytelling for the reader, who receives both Laura's real-time perspective and the surrounding context. This story makes you want to hit the road and do some serious traveling. I personally do not have the bottom for 15 months on a saddle, but maybe others will. Congratulations on completing your trip and inspiring others to explore the world through traveling. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An enjoyable read for cyclists and armchair adventurers. By Vickie Klick. I originally bought this book because one of those mentioned was a friend of mine, and I was glad I did. As someone who cycles a lot but would never undertake such an adventure, I found Laura's honest description of their adventures very enjoyable. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great read. By Brian P. Tanzman. An excellent read, well written and quite an adventure.

From Ipanema Beach in Rio de Janeiro, Laura and Patrick Mottram embarked on a 21,000 kilometre adventure around South America by bike. As they cycled over the Andes, across the Atacama Desert and through the Amazon Rainforest, they witnessed a side to the continent that few people ever see. Their journey took them through Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana as they made their way, like the giant leatherback turtles they encountered, back to the very beach where their journey began. 'Ipanema Turtles' is an inspirational travel memoir about exploration and self-discovery during one couple's adventure of a lifetime. It tells the stories of the strangers they met, their close encounters with sloths and tarantulas, and the incredible places they visited, as well as providing an excellent insight into the life of a cycle tourist. Ipanema Turtles is a fantastic read if you want to learn more about the amazing continent that is South America. The book explains the stories of the 13 countries through which they rode - the history, culture and politics as told to them by the many strangers they met on the road.