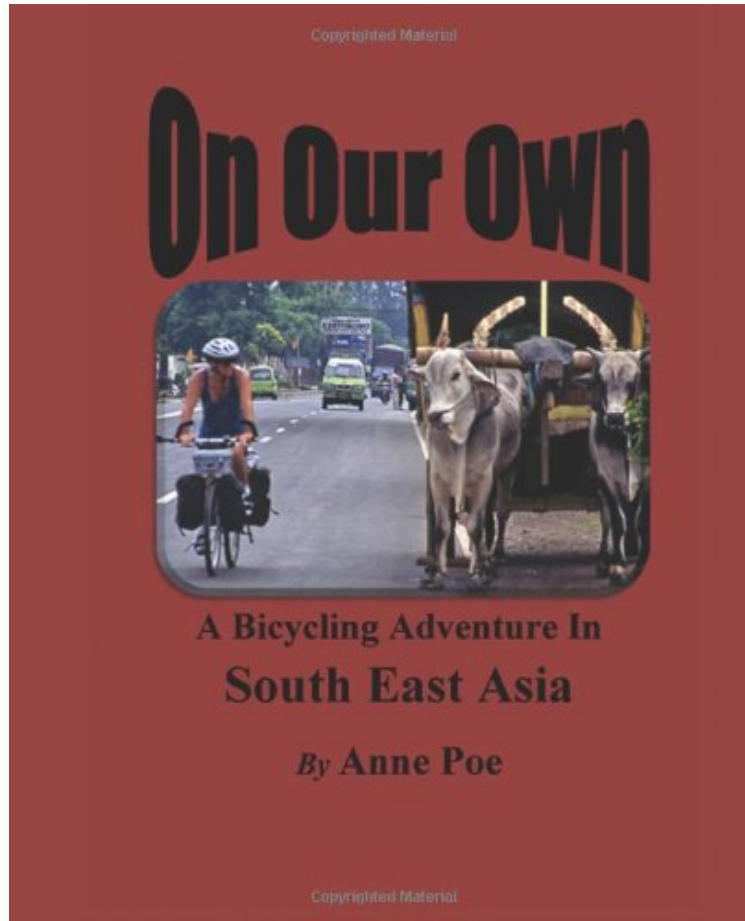


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I enjoyed and appreciated this book. By CustomerA thoughtful, colorful book on bicycle travel. I find her experiences on 2 wheel travel, especially through lovely Bali, to mirror my own. I appreciate that her rides through Hill and Dale are not effortless. I love bicycle touring, but for me it is work, even at distances of less than 70 km a day. I found and read this book because I am planning a trip to Vietnam this spring. I will update my impressions after I come back. For now let's say that her descriptions of bicycle touring on a budget without a guided tour are accurate, and helpful. It is not glamorous, but satisfying, compelling, and oh so much cheaper. You learn a lot more about the people, and thrill with the discovery of the hidden gem of a tucked away restaurant and inn. I do have to say that now we have the advantage of Trip Advisor, Google Maps, and phone GPS's, which I think will make these type of experiences easier and more successful. I also ask others to continue to formally report their experiences. You smooth out the bumps for those of us who follow. 0 of 1 people found the following

review helpful. An Incredible 8000 Mile Cycling Adventure Thru Southeast Asia By Stuart R. Gintel "On Our Own" is beautifully written with vivid descriptions, clever use of metaphors and laced with photos mesmerizing me into believing I was actually there taking in the sights and sounds of Southeast Asia. What an adventure! Thank you, Anne Poe for allowing me to live this extraordinary experience of the arduous 8000 mile trip without my having to shed a single drop of perspiration or having to endure the multitude of personal discomforts of the third world. This book was difficult to put down and was definitely a learning experience.

On Our Own is about an 8000 mile journey by bicycle through the heart of Southeast Asia. Anne and Mike Poe, an American couple in their mid-fifties, journeyed for six months from Bali, Indonesia through Java, Sumatra, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and China until finally reaching Hong Kong. Experience the Poes' unique adventure as they sojourn on their own with no guides to show them the way, no organized tours to fix all the problems and no translators to read the menus. Their stories tell the truth about what it really feels like to travel into the lives of the local populations. Meet head on the rising aspirations of a Third World continent banging at the door of change yet still very much imprisoned by the infrastructure and philosophical viewpoints of its past. It is, without doubt, a prime region for provocative travel experiences. A lifelong passion for adventure travel gave rise to the exotic idea. The time was right; go before the East became too like the West and while they were still young and eager. They went with their two Specialized Rock Hopper mountain bikes, two T-shirts, two pairs of riding shorts, one long pant for modesty, a 35 mm camera, 100 rolls of film, and six Lonely Planet phrase books (one for each strange language they would have to learn to communicate). They would flourish, flounder, and challenge their physical and emotional stamina as they intermingled in the daily lives of the local populations. On Our Own tells the tales in stinging and hilarious reality of Anne's and Mike's reactions to and interactions with the varied people and the intriguing cultures they encountered along the way: spirit worshipping Balinese who wore their culture proudly through the streets; hard working Javanese pressured into a meager life by over-population and competition; over-zealous Sumatrans screaming hello, chasing Anne and Mike and pulling them off their bikes; reserved Thais always ready with a helping hand; gracious Vietnamese plodding against heavy odds into a brighter future; enigmatic Chinese, pushing the western concept of honesty to the brink of extinction. Anne conveys with astonishing truth what it takes to cope with events from day to day when totally immersed in an unfamiliar world. On Our Own's stories rise out of everyday ordinary experiences made extraordinary by place, culture, custom and language. Their remarkable journey reveals a world so many know so little about.

About the Author In 1970, when Anne and Mike married, they formed a relationship based on the mutual need to explore the world by bicycle and by foot. In 1984, they bicycled from Costa Rica to Peru. In successive years they have cycle toured New Zealand, Australia, BC Canada, Alaska and the western USA. Anne published many of their cycling adventures in various bicycling magazines. Read and view photos about these and many more adventures on their website: <http://hikingbikingadventures.net>. ON OUR OWN in a full color PDF is sold on their website, and for Kindle readers on . Other books by Anne and Mike Poe New Zealand Favorite Scenic Bicycle Touring Routes Crested Butte Colorado 65 Scenic Day Hikes Southwest Colorado High Country Day Hikes: Ouray, Silverton, Lake City Southwest Colorado High Country Day Hikes: Telluride Utah National Parks: Arches Canyonlands Day Hikes