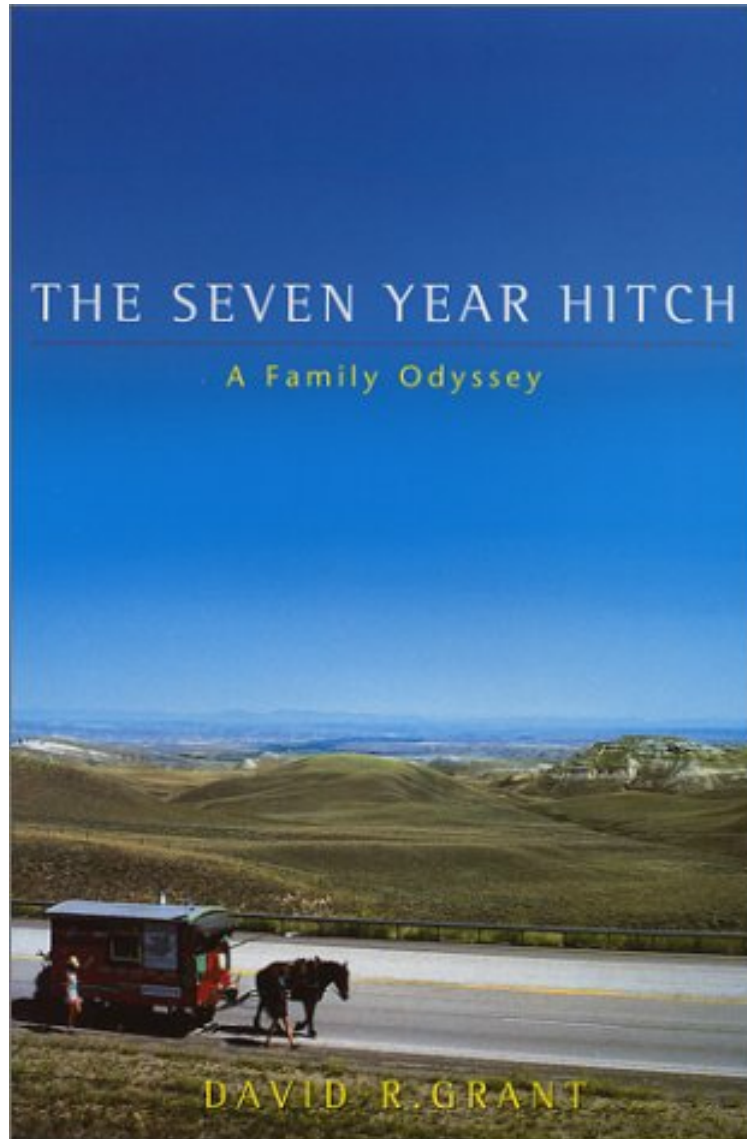


[Read ebook] The Seven Year Hitch: A Family Odyssey

The Seven Year Hitch: A Family Odyssey

David R. Grant

*ePub | *DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF*



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#6900971 in Books 2001-03-01 Ingredients: Example Ingredients Original language: English PDF # 1 9.48 x 1.51 x 6.36l, #File Name: 0743203429432 pages | File size: 47.Mb

David R. Grant : The Seven Year Hitch: A Family Odyssey before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Seven Year Hitch: A Family Odyssey:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Did the kids ever say, "Are We There Yet?" By Genevieve S. Jenner David Grant and his family were living up in the Orkney islands (near Scotland) when they got this idea of traveling about in a caravan. The plan started off small and began to grow. They as a family had opportunity to do unusual things, their children were still quite young, and they took a chance. This story could fall under different

genres (travelogue, experiences in home-schooling, general adventure) and it goes many places. (literally and figuratively) The Grant family starts off in Europe and travels through a number of countries and then finds themselves taken with what was Yugoslavia. They spent a year living with a couple of families and getting to know the countryside and the people very well. They saw the beginnings of civil war and then chose to leave to work their way across Asia. Through-out the story you are introduced to the personal every day moments of their life; the daily routines that help them keep going. While the book is a quick and fun read it also is a bit exhausting. (in a clever way) The family trekked across Kazakhstan and it proved to be one of the more trying times. It was slow, often cold (lots of slush, ice and snow) and there wasn't much variety or quantity to the food. Due to health problems (which become an important part of the story) the Mother wasn't with them. I read this section of the story one afternoon and by the evening I felt as if I had made my way across the steppes. There were times when their spirits were obviously a bit low and I felt low with them. Making it to Mongolia seemed like arriving at a wild birthday party in comparison. The author really conveys a lot of the emotion in this journey. Another intriguing aspect of the story is watching the three children grow up. You see them become these independent people who manage the caravan and the journey and forge their own place and identity. It is something to kind of marvel over when reflecting upon who everyone was in the beginning and what they became (parents and kids together) in the end. You aren't offered a huge insight to different cultures but then it isn't exactly the story of other people. It is the story of one family (their animals too) and their exposure to the kind hearts of many strangers and a few less than kind hearts and experiences as well. I think that the culture differences seems secondary in the story because of the similarities with many humans around the world to welcome travelers is the significant experience for the Grant family. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Its shame this book is out of print! By J. Gifford I saw this book listed over at the Long Riders Guild web page and went in search of it. I'll probably never get to travel across the world, at the time-frame in which this family of 5 set off is an auspicious one: The fall of the soviet union, the break up of the eastern bloc, A first-hand view of the violent secession of Slovenia from Yugoslavia. All seen while traveling in a caravan pulled by a horse. The trials and tribulations of family life are not glossed over either. While I don't doubt that the book is an edited version of thier daily journals, and the book hints that it is, nothing seems to feel as if it was glossed over for other than maintaining a modicum of privacy. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Pleasant By Robertomelbourne This is a 'tranquil' read into one British family's journey by horse drawn caravan around the world. It's a pleasant read, without too many surprises or revelations about people, culture or lands. Neither is it a tourist guide. The reasons for the journey, are never fully explored. The descriptions of the journey are useful, but never engrossing. Nonetheless, I enjoyed this account, because it showed that a family, or for that matter a group of people, with no real expectations, travel experiences or resources can ultimately achieve. Hurray! I wonder where they are now?

Of all the weird and wonderful ways to attempt to travel the world, the Grant family's journey by horse-drawn caravan must be the most extraordinary. They had to cope with war in Yugoslavia, arrest in Mongolia, deportation from China, yet still they managed to make it back to Britain -- seven years after they set off. The family plodded ten thousand miles across fifteen countries in three continents and in doing so, secured a place for themselves in the Guinness Book of Records. The Seven Year Hitch is a well-honed and comical look at family life in the pressure cooker environment of a tiny living space and an inspirational tale of how fireside dreams can be turned into bracing reality.

Scots Magazine The compelling tale of the Grant family's epic journey to circumnavigate the globe...An inspirational account of 2,570 unforgettable days. -- About the Author David R. Grant was born and brought up in Edinburgh. His varied career has included being a crofter, fisherman, jackaroo, sheep-shearer, member of a film crew, expeditions leader and ecologist/wildlife manager. He has made excursions to the remoter Scottish islands, to Arctic Scandinavia and most of the western Sahara Desert, been a hostage of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and for a number of years owned his own horse. His trip round the world in a horse-drawn caravan was the first of its kind, and earned him and his family an entry in the Guinness Book of Records.