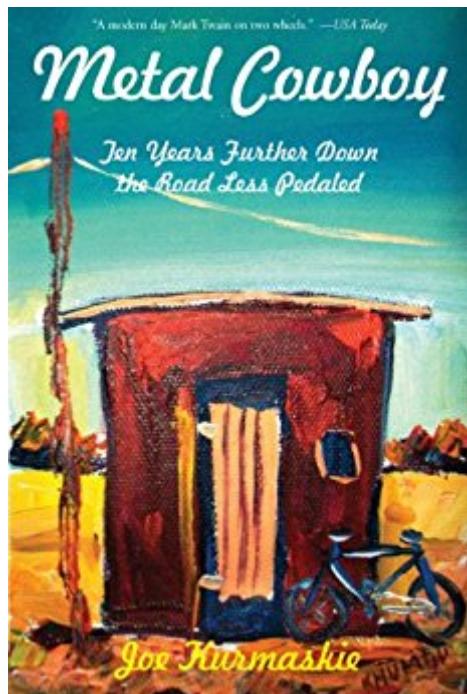


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# Metal Cowboy



## Synopsis

Insightful, humane, sublimely amusing—Metal Cowboy finds nobility in the common man, explains true bicycle-love, celebrates the beauty of the country, and charmingly relates encounters with malcontents and misfits. Most of all, Metal Cowboy is a quest. It is the record of a young man seeking meaning in the world, trying to find what is good in the people he meets, what is good in himself, and a route off the prescribed roadways of life.—David Sedaris trapped in the body of Lance Armstrong.—•Beacon Journal—“The Metal Cowboy is crazy, wise, funny, and living the dream all cyclists have—riding off to see the world on a bike. Don’t miss this ride with him.—•Bill Strickland, author of *The Quotable Cyclist*—“Like the travel books of Bill Bryson, Kurmaskie’s collection of essays focuses on the unexpected and the little known. Travelogues are a dime a dozen, but the ones that find something fresh and unusual to talk about are fairly rare. Here readers will see the countryside the way they’ve never imagined it. A thoroughly delightful excursion.—•Booklist—“An infectious celebration of life, a sort of two-wheeled version of *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. . . . Endearing and even hilarious.—•The Boston Globe—“Joe Kurmaskie rolls with a keen sense of comedy and a big heart.—•Christopher Moore, author of *Lamb* and *A Dirty Job*—“Nobody roams—or writes—with more manic energy or enthusiasm for the hard life—than Joe Kurmaskie.—•Jay Atkinson, author of *Paradise Road*—“As Melville is to the sea, Mark Twain to the raft, and Kerouac to the car, Joe Kurmaskie is to the bike.—•Andrew Lewis Conn, Author of *P* and *The Last American Novel*

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## **Customer Reviews**

I like Kurmaskie's writing style, his take on life in general, and I'm admittedly a little bit jealous of the biking adventures that he has been able to enjoy. This book wasn't quite as good as "Momentum is Your Friend", one of his later books, simply because of the format. "Metal Cowboy" doesn't follow one particular adventure chronologically, but is more like a collection of essays about different events that occurred on several different trips throughout his life. The essays are enjoyable, but "Momentum" sucked me in more because it followed one story from beginning to end (riding across America from west to east pulling his two kids). It was a bit more compelling. It was still a good book, and due to the format, it was actually a little easier to put down from time to time rather than staying up two hours longer than I wanted to because I couldn't put it down!

It's an entertaining book about the author's travel across the United States on his bike. He tells about his adventures in a humorous and insightful way.

I have read several other books by Joe Kurmaskie and he has become one of my favorite authors. A wonderfully gifted story teller with equal amounts of insight and humor into the condition of mankind. Metal Cowboy is a delightful group of stories from Joe's travels around the world as seen and experienced from the seat of a bicycle. And yes you will find the story, in the very first chapter, of how he got the nickname Metal Cowboy. Buy this book, read this book, and pass it on to your friends and family so they can begin to understand why you ride a bike.

Great short stories about bike adventures.

FAVORITE authors -- in fact, I'm re-reading "Momentum..." right now! The condition of the book is quite good, I'm happy with it! Thank you!

Wonderful read full of visions and adventures and I'm not done yet! I enjoy the way Joe has carved each chapter in to it's own world and some with amazing insight, particularly the chapter on a bike adventure that ties in to reflections on the aids crisis. Good read Metal Cowboy!

Don't know that I can add all that much to the other good reviews of this book. A man travels the world for years on a touring bike, and writes about the people and situations he encountered. I wish I could be more imaginative in my description. But this is really a terrific book. Very much worth reading, and I think you will read it more than once. There is enough there to see different things in different episodes at different times.

I first read "Riding Outside The Lines" yea I know... I read these out of sequence. Well, I love that book so much I purchased the "Metal Cowboy". This book did not disappoint me, I'm totally amazed at so many funny, heart felt, and amazing stories as recollected by Joe. It is truly a book that you cannot put down once you begin one of his historical accounts of his travels.

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