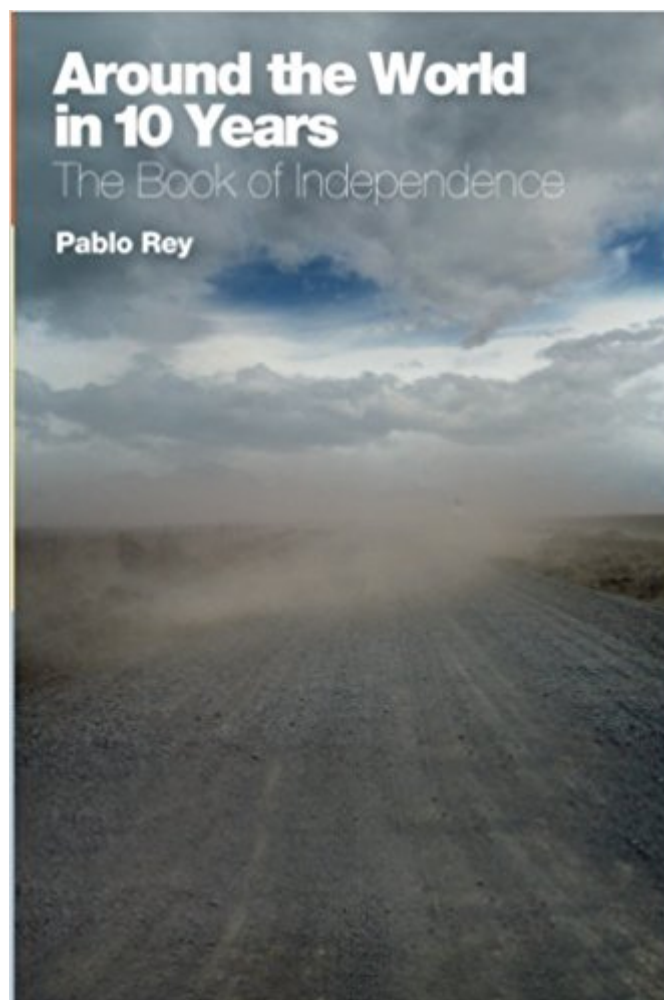




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Synopsis

First we thought we could go around the world in four years. Then we were convinced that we could do it in seven. When we got to the sixth year of travel, we felt that 10 was a good round number, enough to see and to understand the world. In June 2015 we celebrate 15 years living on the road, and there's still more than half the planet left to explore! "...I'll never forget that Monday when I put the barrel of a gun to my head and fired until I was out of bullets, without stopping to think of what I was doing so I wouldn't have a chance to change my mind. It was my resignation to a future which I already knew, a farewell to a secure job, an adieu to a brilliant career in advertising, the microcosm where I had lived for the last twelve long years. It was ten minutes after ten in the morning and my last words were, more or less 'keep the corpse, I'm leaving.' My body collapsed and I walked out the door..." The Book of Independence is the story of a dream, of how one day two normal people decided to declare their independence and give up that double life that makes us do on the weekends what we would like to do Monday through Friday. It is also the story of Babel's back country, a journey through some of the world's worst roads with a 4x4 truck transformed into a house on wheels. There is no bathroom, no shower, no sponsors, no hotels, no phone and no Auto Club. "The road will provide" is a statement of optimistic intent. Well, optimistic optimism. "The Book of Independence works its magic like a bellows on the embers of wanderlust, inspiring us to break away from the norm, to slow down and smell the proverbial roses or cow or elephant dung. It's not about what you'll do after you retire, it's about what you do before you die." Chris Collard, Chief Editor of Overland Journal Magazine, United States "They're intent on completing their round the world trip in 10 years and, possibly, to invent whatever excuse afterwards to remain in motion." Lonely Planet Magazine "They've lived through everything... from elephant attacks provoked by getting too close to a herd with calves to getting shot at in Ethiopia." TVE, Spanish Television "We are very much enjoying your book! Your stories really capture what overlanding is all about. Thank you!" Roseann Hanson, Overland Expo founder, Arizona, United States "Pablo and Anna are genuine. Their vision is a simple one, without pretense, that offers the rest of us the option to attain our own dreams, no matter how deep. Pablo y Anna, bravo y buena ruta." Cemil Alyanak, Excess Noise, Washington DC, United States "When I pick up a book, I hope that the pages that are about to reach my eyes are ones of treasure, ones of inspiration. I want to be transported into the world of the writer as they share their story through their mesmerizing words, those of wisdom, strife, and adventure. Reading a title such as this already takes you to the front step, and Pablo Rey's enchanting tale does the rest. You hear of so

many stories about the race to travel and it leaves you wondering "What happens when you stop running and just be? To take a whole adventure, and make it your whole life? The definition of exploring doesn't even begin to cover it. Pablo takes you through a whole new transformation into a world that the English language barely has words to define. I can only imagine what it would be like to be a fly in Pablo's brain as his words are so artistically magical, that it is impossible not to whisk you away into this alternate universe." Sarah Blessington, Exploring Elements AROUND THE WORLD IN 10 YEARS CONTINUES AT WWW.VIAJEROS4X4X4.COM

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Customer Reviews

Pablo Rey was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He arrived in Madrid in 1992, when Spain was in the midst of another bad recession. In 1996 he moved to Barcelona and in 2000 he rented his mortgaged apartment and moved into a 4wd van with Anna Callau, his partner in adventures. The goal: to drive around the world through Southern Europe, the Middle East, Africa from north to south, America from south to north, and back to Barcelona via Vladivostok to Finisterre. He has written articles for Overland Journal and Lonely Planet Magazine and has published three books in Spanish about his overland trips. Pablo has won more than 20 awards as a creative advertising writer, is a former illegal immigrant, an antique bottle hunter in ghost towns and one of many Argentinians from Barcelona, or Spaniards from Buenos Aires, with a leg in many continents. Pablo and Anna still live on the road.

If you are interested in Arab world this book might interest you. It wasn't an easy read for me as much as I wanted it to be, I enjoyed only some parts of it and found rest very hard to read & understand. Sometimes there seemed to be no concept - a bit from this and a bit of that, no flow. Very unfortunately I have to say this book was just ok at best... Maybe it's being translated from Spanish to English, who knows. And yes - it seems to talk only about first year or so of the travel, which seem to go in to circles of same old, same old just in different country.

5 stars to the first 80% of the book! The rest is still good but not as good. Pablo is insightful and I can fully relate to his 'mental asides'. If your mind wanders periodically, you've traveled at least a little bit and have an understanding of people and culture you will very much enjoy this read! I'm eager to read more of their trip and insights.

One would think that, with the proliferation of travel literature, it is nearly-impossible to write anything new or fresh; Pablo Rey, his lady, and his translator managed just that. This book is halfway between Kerouac's "On The Road" and Steinbeck's "Travels With Charlie" - if you read these two, you'll enjoy "Around the World in 10 Years:..."

Pablo Rey has an understanding of the wonder, fear and joy of starting over. His call to the road is something many of us have felt but very few of us have the courage to undertake! A great read and fantastic adventure.

Good read, highly recommendable for those winter months before the fire place.

This was a great book. I would like to read about the rest of their adventures around the world. Well worth the money.

I loved this book. Pablo has such a unique writing style, and my, what an adventure! Highly recommended for all the dreamers out there.

Not as good as I expected. The book only covers the Middle East. I had to force myself to finish it.

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