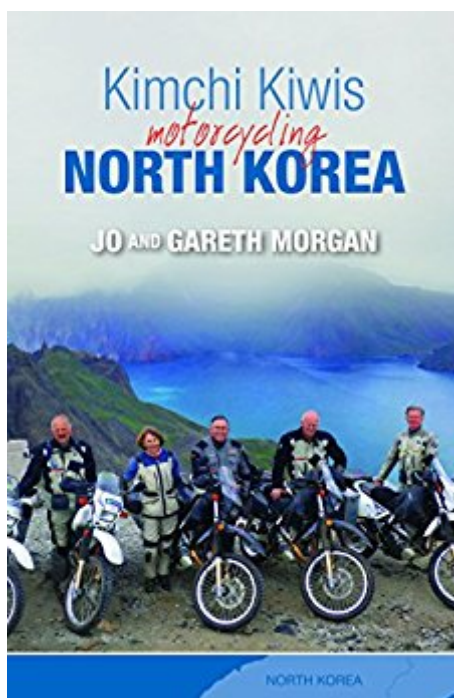


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Kimchi Kiwis: Motorcycling North Korea



Synopsis

Join Gareth and Jo Morgan and their companions as they rattle and splash their way around North Korea on their epic Motorcycle Adventure. Experience with them the thrill of riding through North Korea, the hermit kingdom itself. Above all, discover with them the truth behind the headlines that define North Korea and its people to the outside world, and sorrow at the tragedy that has prevented one third of the Korean people taking their place in the world. Ever since the cessation of hostilities in the Korean War in 1953, the Korean Peninsula has been divided into two states. The Armistice Agreement drew a line between North and South Korea, and friends and families found themselves on either side of a jealously guarded political divide, their sorrow part of a macabre relic of the folly that was the Cold War. Kiwi motorcycle adventurers Gareth and Jo Morgan had been frequent visitors to South Korea before they were invited to travel to North Korea in 2012. While on that trip, they told the North Korean authorities of their wish to ride their motorbikes the length of the Korean Peninsula, as the fitting climax to a ride they were planning along the Road of Bones, the Kolyma Highway in Siberia, Russia. The North Koreans declared themselves willing to help and in 2013, the Morgans' dream came true. Join Gareth and Jo and their companions as they rattle and splash their way around the Kolyma Highway, the main road of the terrible Soviet gulag archipelago. Experience with them the thrill of riding through North Korea, the hermit kingdom itself. Chew your nails as they prepare to cross the Demilitarised Zone between the Koreas, one of the most heavily fortified borders in the world. Rejoice with them as they press on down the length of the Baekdu Daegan, the sacred mountain range that forms the spine of the Korean Peninsula, to complete the first ever motorcycle traverse of both Koreas.

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Customer Reviews

I loved the book. I have read many about North Korea. This one was exciting because their trip there was so recent. Since I also own and ride a motorcycle and have done some traveling in China and India (not on a bike), I could relate to their anxieties about travel and getting into, out of, and around in a foreign country. The unforeseen obstacles and mishaps on motorbikes was also somewhat familiar. The Russian part of this ride was particularly interesting. And I simply could not believe that they were able to get permission to enter and ride through North Korea! What a treat.

I found the book to be a very incitful look at North Korea, written with emphasis placed on the positive (and possible positive) future for the country rather than the negative aspects of the society which often cloud the perspective.

Reasonable entertaining, but bit too slow in the beginning that has nothing to do with North Korea.

An interesting read behind the North Korea in the familiar style of the other books by Jo and Gareth Morgan

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