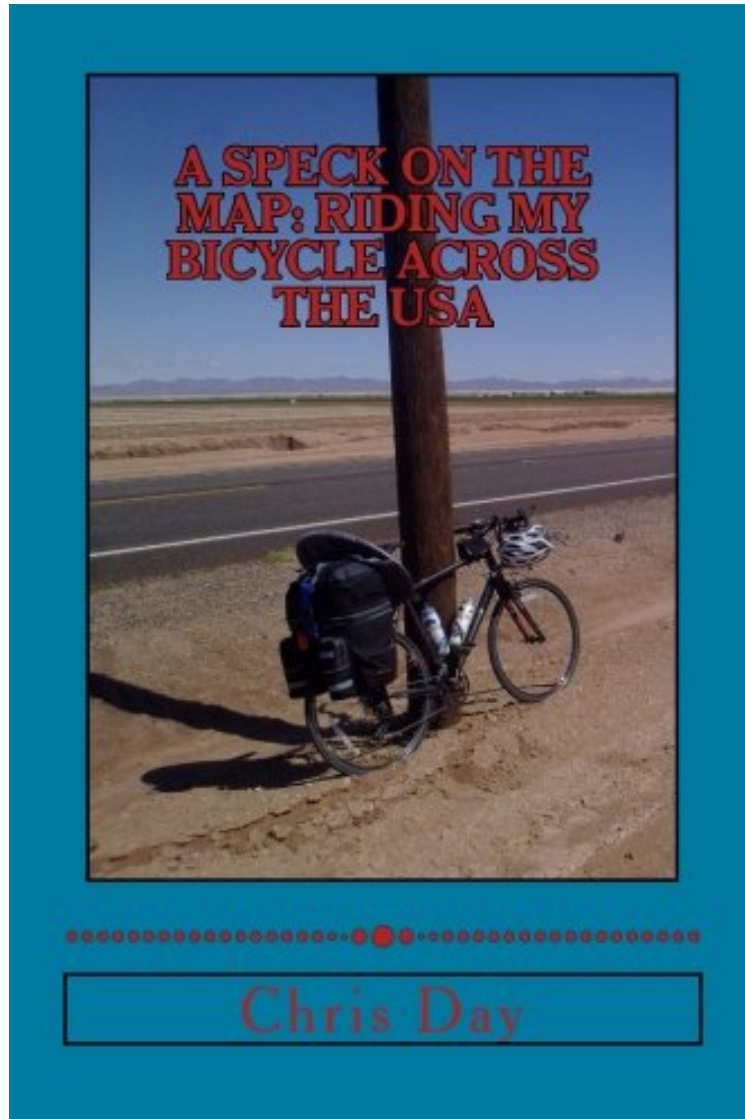


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Very Enjoyable! By Bill Rogan I really enjoyed living vicariously through Chris Day's book. Excellent descriptions of his journey made me feel like I was right there with him. It is an inspiring book and the author pours out his emotions, both good and bad. You feel his frustration over flat tires or missing a turn. You feel his love of cycling on days when everything goes according to plan. The planning of and execution of his trip is a must read for anyone who aspires to ride a bike across the United States. Even if you have no

desire to pedal across the USA, I have no doubt you will enjoy this fun adventure. Well done Chris. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A bit boring; couldn't finish it
By D. M. I am an avid road cyclist. Last year I cycled 5,600 miles on local New England roads. Reading this book makes me NOT want to cycle from point A to point Z across America. The author seemed more interested in getting into his next bathtub and "comfy bed" than riding his bike. I admit it was quite an accomplishment riding across the U.S. but as far as putting his experience into book form, I found it frustrating reading - as a cyclist myself - who so enjoys being on my bike. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. If he can, you can...
By Charles I enjoyed this book for its self deprecating and frank account of a commendable accomplishment. The language was a bit repetitive, but I attribute it to the English dialect. Also, the author is terribly introverted, and the narrative reflects a lot of internal dialog which I thought interfered with other aspects of the trip. I was a bit surprised by the author's approach, which focused on finding reasonably priced hotels, but virtually no preparation on basic bicycle maintenance (for which he paid the price price). I was also amused by his "error" in routing his final leg into DC, where he was riding routes which pass by my home. He actually back-tracked to a more "unsafe" route in my opinion. I hate to put the book in these terms, but if he could do it so can you. Bottom line for me is that the author has demonstrated that self-reliance that is necessary to make a such a ride successful.

Chris Day is a fairly ordinary guy from the UK. He enjoys cycling and has undertaken a number of multi-day cycle tours in the UK, and has also had a long standing fascination with the USA. This, coupled with the fact that he was feeling a bit 'stuck in a rut' in his professional life, somehow caused him in 2013 to take the dramatic - some might say crazy - decision to shake up his life in the most drastic way possible by taking a three month sabbatical from his job and cycling solo across the USA from San Diego to Washington DC. During that time he encountered weather from intense heat to bitter cold, marvelled at the beautiful, diverse landscapes of America and met a myriad of colourful characters. He also experienced intense episodes of self-doubt, isolation, fear and loneliness but was regularly touched by the kindness of strangers and amazed at the way that good fortune seemed to make a habit of falling into his lap whenever he needed it the most. This is his story.

About the Author
Chris Day was born and brought up in the beautiful county of Oxfordshire in the United Kingdom. He loves the outdoors and is a keen cyclist. This is his first book.