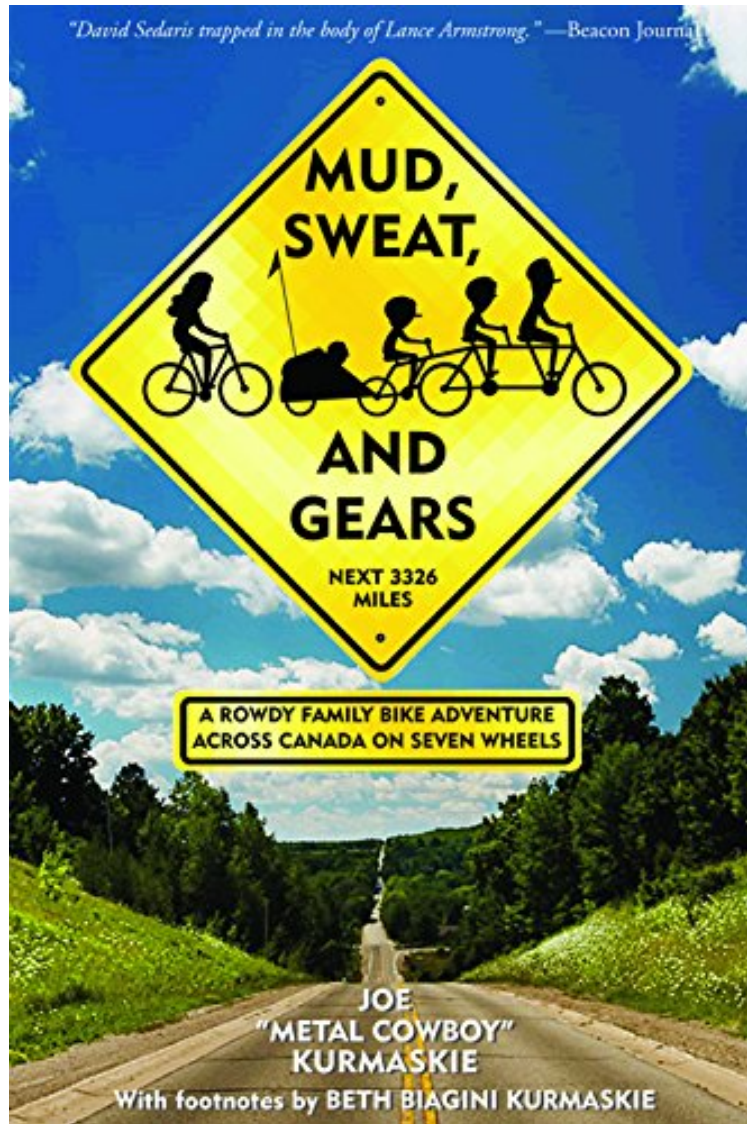


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Joe Kurmaskie : Mud, Sweat, and Gears: A Rowdy Family Bike Adventure Across Canada on Seven Wheels before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mud, Sweat, and Gears: A Rowdy Family Bike Adventure Across Canada on Seven Wheels:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wit and humor on the level of Twain and Rogers...for the bicycle traveler.By Jeffrey FrittsJoe Kurmaskie is on a level equal with the greats of bicycle travel authors like Barbara

Savage and Alastair Humphreys. Joe has the unique talent of being able to make serious life statements and add fun to the adventure. He is a funny guy...but the hysterical notes added by his wife Beth make the book all the more enjoyable. (As most successful husbands have found out our wives definitely have our numbers. They keep us honest and humble.) And the comments and actions of his boys give us hope that the generation coming up understand what is important in life and what is not, good parenting Joe and Beth. I enjoyed *Mud Sweat and Gears* so much I gave a copy to a cyclist friend of mine who has a young family. If you love your bicycle and you love your family there is no reason you cannot combine the two. Joe "The Metal Cowboy" Kurmaskie shows you how. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Simply InspiringBy Andrew Turnelli've bike toured a lot including with my own boys and love to read other's experience of life on the road. Kurmaskie's *Mud Sweat and Gears* has redefined my list of all time favourite bike touring books - this one, along with *Miles from Nowhere* by Barbara Savage are now my top two picks of the genre. Bike touring books as a rule can be pretty uneven reads, with many descending into a pretty repetitive did-this, did-that groove. Kurmaskie, who in previous books can get a little preachy and overly caught up in his own philosophies on life has been refining the art form, working at capturing the on road and the inner experience in equal measure and in *Blood Sweat and Gears*, he nails it. Not many of us would take on such an epic journey with three children in tow, but one of the beauties of this book is that it doesn't come across as something heroic and intimidating because it is written with such an everyday, human touch. Any parents thinking about bike touring with their kids at whatever level of challenge should grab this book - it's an inspiration. More than that, this book is a great read and beautifully captures the delights of cycle touring - this really is top shelf cycle touring writing. Read this book and I'll guarantee you'll soon be down the bike store eyeing off touring machines and panniers, dreaming your own dreams of a long trip on the road with people you love. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Mud, Sweat, and GearsBy JAH I wish I could give this book 5 stars, but (and this has nothing to do with the book or author(s)) the Android+Kindle version of this just didn't work very well. There are a lot of foot notes, and pagination has to be just right in order for that to work. As it is, I found myself having to jump back and forth between pages, and sometimes trying to figure out whether text in the middle of the page was supposed to be in-line or not. Anyway, don't let this keep you from reading the book - it is really good. Just consider getting a hard copy, or be aware that there will be a little bit of inconvenience with a digital edition.

"Mud, Sweat, and Gears is not only an incredible human-powered journey, but it's also about the intricate, poignant, and often hilarious family dynamics that result. The Metal Cowboy's most compelling book yet." Heidi Swift, *The Oregonian* This time the Metal Cowboy sets off to bicycle across Canada, with wife and three sons (one just a year old) along for the adventure. If *Momentum Is Your Friend* was about fathers, sons, and hometown heroes, *Mud, Sweat, and Gears* is about mothers, wives, family, and the glue that holds the world together.

From the Back Cover "Mud, Sweat, and Gears is a romance and a thriller; an adventure tale, and a seriously funny book. Kurmaskie's chronicle of his young family's journey across Canada on bicycle is a story for all time and now, for bicyclists and for those who have never ridden beyond the end of the block. You will laugh. You will swoon. You will shake your head in wonder. Could Kurmaskie and his wife have really thought it a good idea to bicycle four-thousand plus miles with a baby and two children under the age of ten in tow? They did. And Kurmaskie has told the hilarious and moving tale of their trip like a master. You won't be able to put this beautiful book down." --Cheryl Strayed, author of *Torch and Wild* "Nobody roams--or writes--with more manic energy or enthusiasm for 'the hard life' than Joe Kurmaskie. Topping that enviable accomplishment, *Mud, Sweat, and Gears* establishes the Kurmaskie clan as the first family of American adventure." --Jay Atkinson, author of *Paradise Road: Jack Kerouac's Lost Highway* and *My Search for America* and *City in Amber* "Joe Kurmaskie rolls with a keen sense of comedy and a big heart." --Christopher Moore, author of *Lamb* and *A Dirty Job* "A rollicking tale that adds credence to the credo, 'The family that pedals together, stays together.' (Having the kids on a combination tandem/trail-a-bike/trailer helps) The momentum of this wonderful family epic will launch you from page one into Canada's hinterlands. (From there, cheap flights home are available.) --Bart King, author of *The Big Book of Boy Stuff* About the Author Joe Kurmaskie is the author of *Metal Cowboy* (Breakaway, 1999) and *Riding Outside the Lines* (Crown 2001).