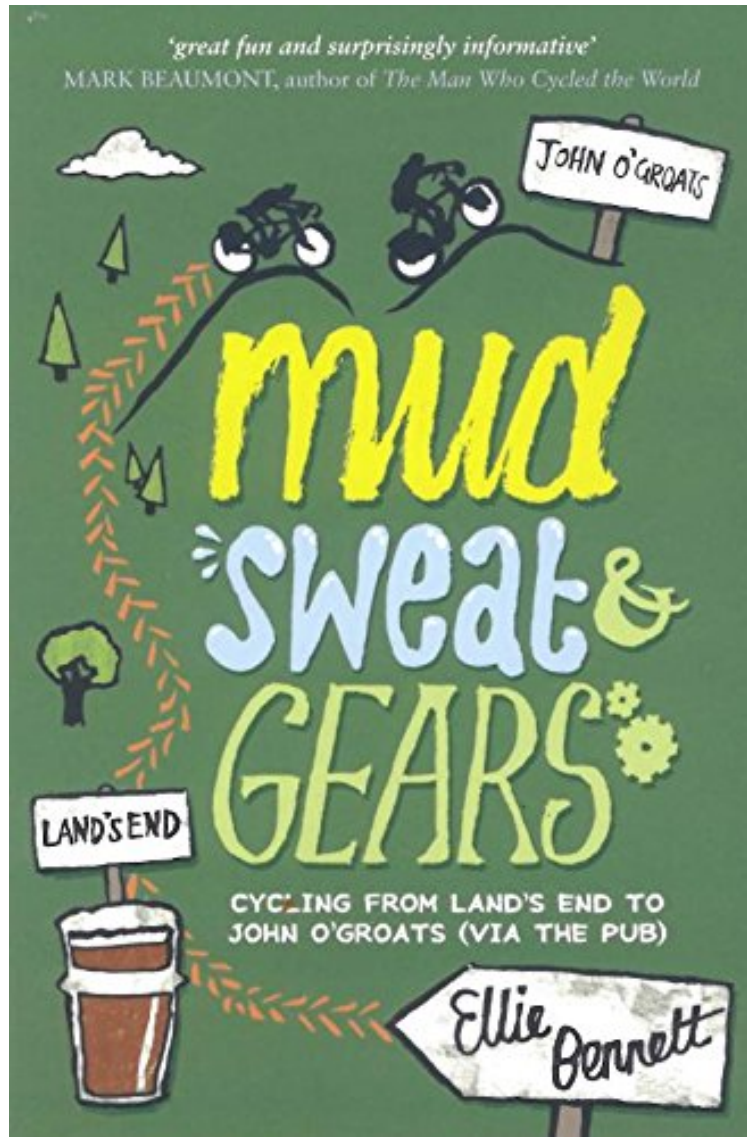


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Ellie Bennett : Mud, Sweat Gears: Cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats (Via the Pub) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mud, Sweat Gears: Cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats (Via the Pub):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Pub Crawl through England and Scotland By Sharry Miller I gave Mud, Sweat and Gears three stars, but I questioned whether that was generous. As a cyclist, I normally love reading

about other's cycling adventures, and I was particularly interested in reading Ellie Bennett's tale because I've been thinking of riding this route from the southern end of England to the northern end of Scotland sometime soon. But heavens, I haven't been so bored with a book in a long time. Bennett followed the typical style of describing each section of the route. She supplemented her impressions of the hills (and more hills) with facts and stories about the history and locals of the area. Of course, her evaluation of the many pubs and beers along the way would be impossible to overlook. In fact, the pubs and beers seemed to be the main premise of the ride and the book. On the surface, it sounds as if *Mud, Sweat and Gears* should be readable and interesting, a good guide for one wanting to ride end to end. In reality, I couldn't wait for it to be over. The writing dragged and the story was dull. I just hope the ride itself doesn't follow suit. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It's great to see someone else shares my ideas on how ...By hujevIt's great to see someone else shares my ideas on how well cycletouring and pubs go together! In reference to another review, drinking beer on a cycle (or any other) vacation no more equates to problem drinking than does cycle touring to drag racing...Not a perfect book, but cheap enough and fun to read and inexpensive and witty enough. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining read, part bike tour and part pub crawl By R. PrieveI read a positive review of this book in *Adventure Cycling* magazine, so took a chance on it. It is not really a polished account, just a daily blog of the trip made by the author and her friend. The author is a great storyteller, her style is plain-spoken and funny. She conveys well the daily joys trials of "regular folks" (as opposed to fitness freaks) making a self-contained bike tour the length of England. I'm not much of a drinker, but for those who make the fine distinctions between beers and appreciate local brewing, I think you will find the book illuminating and fun, because much of the book's content is about seeking out the local pub and finding the local or regional beer to taste and evaluate.

The tale of a scenic cycling trip including an index of the 50 finest beers tasted on the trip "One more wouldn't hurt," said Mick. I looked at him doubtfully. "I'm not sure. It's gone three o'clock already. What time does it get dark in Cornwall at this time of year?" "Not for ages," said Mick, waving his hand dismissively. "One more and then we'll get on." He headed back to the bar with our empty beer glasses. As Ellie's 50th birthday approaches and her ambitions of a steady income, a successful career, and an ascent of Everest seem as far away as ever, she begins to doubt she's capable of achieving anything at all. So when her best friend Mick suggests a grueling cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats, she takes up the challenge. They opt for the scenic route which takes them along cycle paths, towpaths, and the back roads and byways of Britain, unable to resist sampling local beers in the pubs they pass along the way. But as the pints start to stack up faster than the miles they're putting under their tires, Ellie wonders if they'll ever make it to the finishing line.