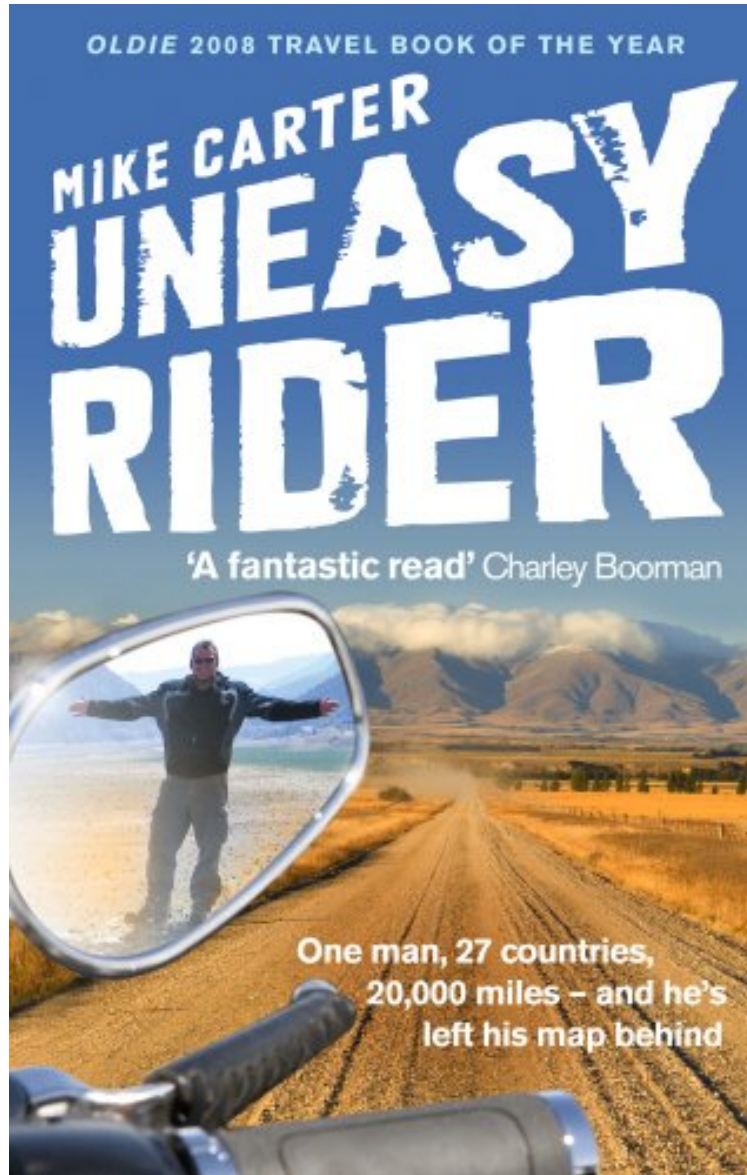


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Mike Carter : Uneasy Rider: Travels Through a Mid-Life Crisis before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Uneasy Rider: Travels Through a Mid-Life Crisis:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hitting 40 and a divorce is not the end of the world By Nona Easy rider is the title of the famous movie featuring Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper. Though I haven't seen the movie, a good look at the poster tells you it is about men, motorbikes and riding. So when Mike Carter names his book as

Uneasy rider, you pretty well know where it is leading to. First, this book is about bikes. Second, this book has an unusual way of looking at things, topped with generous dollops of humor. Thankfully, the book is enjoyable because of the second factor. Although the humor comes in the form of self-deprecating type, it is thoroughly enjoyable. After hitting forty and a divorce, even though he is unsure which is the hardest hitter, Mike Carter decides to take alcohol-induced challenge. Go on a bike trip all over Europe. Possessing neither a motorbike nor a license, he has to acquire these two before setting out on this adventure. He not only does these two but also goes on a course for riding in Wales. Then, he sets out on a road trip from Britain. The trip lasts six months, and it also takes him all over Europe, Scandinavian countries, Eastern Bloc countries and finally reaches Turkey where he turns around to head back home. During this trip, he finds out more about the middle age crisis, the necessity of human contact, countries and their customs, and finally how to reconcile with the past. The book is for men. What is the big thing with 40? Why do men feel chained after marriage? Why is it important to buy material possessions like a big ugly motorbike to boost your ego? Why do men after a certain age wants to lock their eyes with young things a little longer than necessary even though it is not leading anywhere except an instant ego massage? Why does thinning hair trouble men? These are some of the many questions asked in the book. Brace yourself. There are no answers in the book. The author frames these questions in a funny manner making you think harder and finally lets you reach the futility of this line of questioning. This style makes the book very enjoyable. These are the very questions which pop up in your mind at the most inopportune times. Mike Carter has written it down in black and white. Throughout the book, Mike Carter teases himself on why he is doing what he is doing. Who in the right mind will embark on a journey like this? Despite all the self-flagellation, Mike Carter finally finds peace. Most importantly, he makes new memories. He can move on. But, does this book serve as a solution to all men undergoing similar uncertainties in life? No, I don't think so. At the same time, the book confirms the fact you may not be the only one having self-doubts, and you are the only one who can solve the conundrum. As a bonus material, here is an article published by Mike Carter on the most beautiful motorbike rides in Europe. <http://www.theguardian.com/travel/2008/mar/24/europe.top10motorbikerides> 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable read By ray dawson I found this book enjoyable and an interesting read. I'm a motorcyclist myself and have always dreamed of taking off an adventure ride through strange and remote countries. It seems that a lot of motorcycle adventure books are written by people who do not have a long history of riding motorcycles and are, it seems, novice or beginning bikers. Strange. As it is with the author of this book who completes a safety course and obtains his license just before departing on his "adventure". Its refreshing that the author doesn't seem to take himself too seriously but his joking manner does get a bit tiring sometimes. All in all I enjoyed this book and I think it stands up well to most of the motorcycle adventure books out there. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Mike Carter's humor is original. By Mike Bargetto I bought this book originally due to an itch to get back on the bike. His own desire to find himself relates to so many of us in a full blown mid-life crisis or not, at age 42 or not. Taking you around half the world you're right there with him. His humor is one of a kind as well. You may classify it as cynicism at first glance but I believe he proves to see the world in a positive, realistic light. Great insights! Read this book, I don't think you'll regret it.

A broken heart and a moment of drunken bravado inspired middle-aged, typically cautious journalist Mike Carter to embark on a six-month-long motorcycle trip around Europe. After completing a brief residential motorcycle course and hastily remortgaging his apartment, Mike set off alone, resolving to go wherever the road took him. By the end of his journey, Mike had traveled nearly 20,000 miles and had roamed from the Arctic Circle in the north of Europe to the Mediterranean coast in the south, and from the Portuguese Atlantic coast in the west to the Iraqi border of Turkey in the east. This humorous and insightful account follows Mike through his adventures into nations and towns of every variety, as well as into his own mind as he finds his post-divorce scars starting to heal and attempts to discover his purpose in life. Self-deprecating, poetic, and utterly engaging, Mike's is a heroic and inspiring journey for anyone who ever wanted to leave the nine-to-five in the dust.

"As wise and witty a travelling companion as you could wish for" -- Tim Moore "One of the most honest and funniest writers around" -- Carole Cadwalladr "A fantastic read" -- Charley Boorman author of * A Long Way Round * "Wry, moving and very funny" * Daily Express * "Buy it for the 42-year-old in your life. You'll recognise the signs" -- Nicholas Lezard * Guardian * About the Author Mike Carter is a contributor to The Guardian and The Observer.