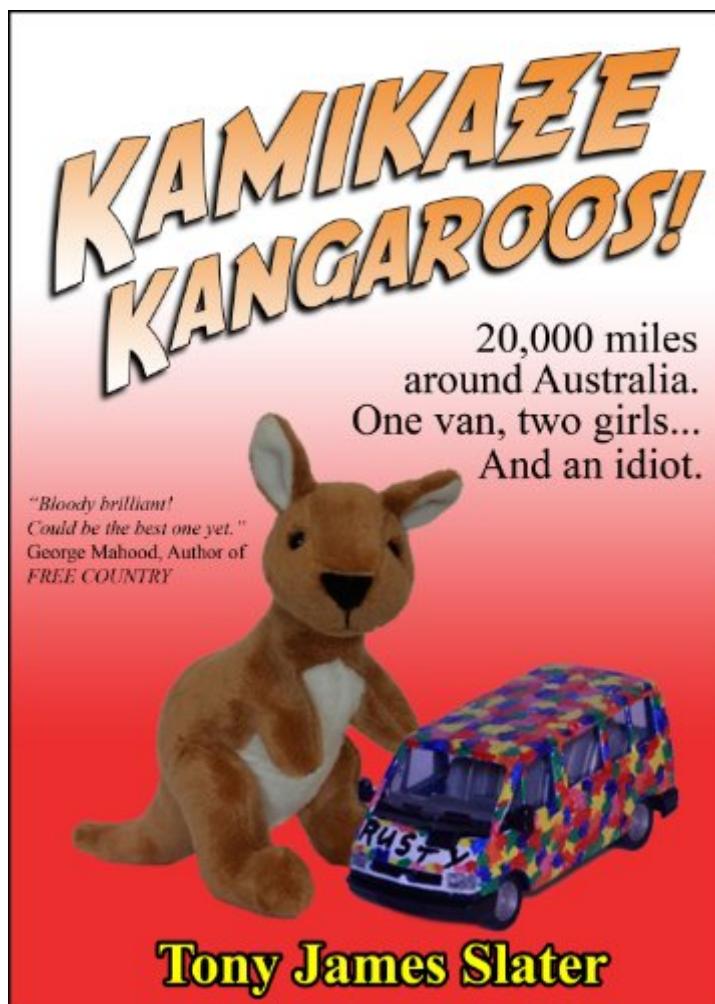


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Kamikaze Kangaroos! 20,000 Miles Around Australia. One Van, Two Girls... And An Idiot.



Synopsis

Tony James Slater knew nothing about Australia. Except for the fact that he'd just arrived there. The stage is set for an outrageous adventure: three people, one van, on an epic, 20,000 mile road trip around Australia. What could possibly go wrong? Of course, the van — nicknamed "Rusty" — is a crumbling wreck, held together by the world's most garish paint job. They're criss-crossing the continent through some of the most inhospitable land on the planet — the infamous Aussie Outback. And isn't there something about Australian animals being... well, you know, kind of dangerous? Unprepared, under-qualified and hopelessly inept, Tony battles gigantic pumpkins, mechanical mishaps and suicidal kangaroos, armed only with a thong and a sense of humour. His companions struggle to keep him safe whilst climbing in drag, snowboarding off cliffs, and hiking hundreds of miles through the bush. One thing's for sure; this adventure of a lifetime — if they survive it — is something they're never going to forget. So, scull those stubbies! Grab your galahs! And put down that platypus. LOOK OUT, AUSTRALIA! There's an idiot coming!

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Customer Reviews

I rarely give book reviews as I figure that everyone has their own opinion and that it might not match with mine and I am okay with that fact as long as you don't mind missing out on some great reading. This is Tony Slater's third book so far and having read the first two, it wasn't even a question on if I was going to buy his new book or even any future ones he decides to write. I am only 11% into this one and I have been laughing like a loon. I don't even need to finish it to tell you that if you want a good laugh or to keep up on his continuing saga that is Tony's life, you should stop what you are doing, including reading this review and go click on this book to buy it. It's a bargain at any price but the Kindle price is such that for what you pay, you are getting so much more back in return. Help support this writer who lives day to day and needs to go on his adventures so he can write more books and keep all of us who can't afford to travel able to live vicariously through him. I will gladly write a more knowledgeable review when I have finished, but at the rate I'm going, I don't think my thoughts are going to change much. Buy this book!, Buy It! (No, I don't get any kick backs)

A review is not a recommendation. It is simply the intersection of a reader and an author. The perspective of a particular reader in no way represents the value another reader may assign to a work. Your mileage may vary. I came across this book after receiving an email touting it as "free" from . It was, at least at the time. My general shopping philosophy is "if it's free, take it!" So I took it. At worst, I thought, the book would fill in time while waiting at the doctor's office, the dentist's office, or the auto repair shop --- venues not conducive to intellectually demanding pursuits. As I perused the book's contents, I realized that I had overpaid. "One Star" seemed a generous rating. Readers who enjoy pointless drivel centered on 3 adults (Tony turns 28 and 29 during the course of the book) --- adults who are struggling through the thickets of early adolescence, who exercise a vocabulary congenial to a junior high school boys' locker room, and who exhibit a feeble grasp of English grammar --- will probably find this book delightful. The frequent resort to verbatim dialogue, recalled after a span of years, strains the reader's credulity. Events in the book have apparently been generously embellished in a futile attempt to maintain reader interest. Storytellers as diverse as Mark Twain and Abraham Lincoln surely drew a long bow in telling their tales. But they were raconteurs par excellence. Tony Slater is not. So how did this book end up with Two Stars

and not One? From a meta-perspective, I developed an interest in seeing just how 3 vapid, aimless adults would manage their lives. Lives generally free of responsibilities, lives which demonstrate little taste or ability for long-term planning, lives involving a succession of dead-end jobs, etc. Whenever a job with prospects appears, the author exhibits unusual skill in avoiding it. At various points in the text, the author refers to himself and his cohort as "5-year olds" or "8-year olds." This is a courageous characterization, as it opens the door to class-action lawsuits by defamed elementary school students everywhere. On the plus side, this woeful trio seems congenial and lacking in any mean-spiritedness. I wish them well on their voyage to nowhere.

I'm not much of a traveler - pretty much suck at it, in fact. Which is precisely what I dig about this and the rest of Mr. Slater's books. While I don't really like leaving home, it's important to me that someone does. As long as someone's out there fighting the good fight, working temporary jobs, getting in and out of scrapes and living the hell out of life - well, that just makes me happy. As long as he continues to report back to me in the manner to which I've become accustomed (the books) I think we can call it a deal.

Well, Tony is at it again ! He loves to travel and find new adventures, and this one might just be his ultimate....so far . He decides to meet up with his sister and her friend in Australia for a cross country road trip , which turns into more than just driving. Walking, hiking ,climbing, working some really odd jobs to make money to keep the trip going . There are nonstop hijinks the entire way . I have read all the author's books (to date), but I see there is a new one now as a follow up to this, so I will reading it now too . I sometimes think it'd be fun to hang out with this guy ,and at other times I think I'd be constantly trying to peel him off the sides of cliffs and out from under constant danger . He's either pretty doggone fearless or he doesn't look before he leaps . :)Anyhow, it's fun reading his books from the safety of my home, so I guess I'll just hang out with him here . Thank you to NetGalley for a copy of this in exchange for a review

I do enjoy the exploits of Mr. Slater and this is one of the best yet. His descriptions of Australia are spot on and will make you want to go and see for yourself, perhaps not quite like he did...This is an epic trip and one to remember for a long, long time. There are times when I want to yell, "Noooo". but then the outcome is so good I say a firm, "Yes!". If you enjoy travel memoirs that are told with good humor, you will want to add this one to your collection. The one expression I'm still not quite sure of is "sod on, but if it means what I think, then this book is "sod on"! I'm hoping it means

terrific...or "right on".

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