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Most travel diaries fizzle. By day six of a big trip, people are struggling to recall what happened on days three, four, and five. They return home with mostly empty journals, or bland writing that fails to capture the full spirit of their journeys. Award-winning travel humorist Dave Fox comes to the rescue in this book that's both informative and irreverently funny. You'll learn to:

Bring destinations to life with bold details.

Splash those details quickly onto your pages so journaling doesn't gobble up your precious vacation time.

Elude your Inner Censor and write with confidence.

Weave together your outer and inner journeys, using unfamiliar places as a backdrop for self-discovery.

Dave shares his favorite journaling techniques, shows how to find time to write in the middle of an exciting trip, and infuses it all with a generous dose of his off-the-wall humor. Whether your journeys are weekend road trips or excursions around the world, this book will help transform you into a travel journaling superhero!

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Ricardo Ribeiro says

Well, first impression wasn't good. I'm afraid first contact with Dave's writing style was a bit annoying. Then this bad feeling went away but I kept mixed feelings about the book. True, some parts were priceless, truly great ideas. I took some notes and I definitely don't regret the time I spend reading the book. The minus: I kept feeling Dave was using too much unnecessary filling. I guess the book would be a better one if it was 30 or 40% shorter, naked from all that filling.

Franzi says

Really nice & cheap book about travel journaling. Lots of different topics on how to approach your journaling and bring your memories and feelings to paper, nice exercises for every chapter & even tips on how to prepare and learn before you are going on your travels. Recommended!

Rick Ludwig says

I enjoyed this humorous, but informative book on travel journaling. I diligently carried out the exercises and learned some things about journaling and about myself as a journal writer. The lessons learned apply to all kinds of journaling and not just travel journaling. I honestly believe reading this book has helped me and will make me a better journal writer in the year to come. We'll see.

Jenn Wraspir says

Dave does a fantastic job walking you through several techniques for travel journaling. I picked this book up a month or two before a big trip to Italy followed by a Western Mediterranean cruise. I wanted to be able to capture my trip uniquely and in a way that I could share with friends and family. I read the book with blogging in mind rather than journaling. My blog is essentially my journal. Dave provides you with techniques that help you work through your experiences while traveling (including pre travel writing and post travel writing). I'd recommend this book to anyone who's interested in journaling in general or travel journaling.

Liberty Montano says

A must read for all writers!

I love to travel, but my circumstances keep me from venturing far. I have been a writer for almost 10 years. This book opened my eyes to so many new techniques, even after all these years. It is so much more than a travel writing book. Any writer can benefit from what Mr. Fox has to teach in this book. I love his brilliant wit and down-to-earth advice. The writing style is accessible and never condescending; his voice is usually very humorous and often quite touching.

He has empowered me to be more present in my journeys (even if only to the local park), and relish details. I am now a much more efficient people watcher (much to the chagrin of my kids). I have learned a few things about myself, when reviewing my journals - like the types of details and people I gravitate toward. In turn, it has enriched my creative writing by raising awareness to those details.

I can't say enough good stuff about this book. It fundamentally changed the way I interact with our surroundings when we adventure and for that I am so grateful.

Stephanie Whitmore says

Brilliantly funny, informative and inspiring

Very easy to read book that is both funny and informative. The 'flight simulator' applications are simple to apply to your own journalling journey and make this more than just a book to teach you about journalling, but a motivating force to live the life you want.

Rhonda Wiley-Jones says

Good book for college students to read for encouragement and tips on how to journal while on a global study trip or study abroad semester or year. Uses the lingo and style of college students. Quick and easy to read and grasp concept of journaling and how to succeed with small efforts that yield big dividends.

Cheri says

I've never kept a worthwhile travel journal in my life, so on a whim I bought this book the night before a short trip. I'm glad I did! There isn't a lot of new information in *Globejotting*, but reading it gave me a little push, some timely reminders and, most important, it gave me permission to approach journaling the trip in a way that works for me. A bonus was that my conscious reflection on the trip made me enjoy it even more. The book is longer than it needs to be and drags a bit at the end, and I got a little impatient with the author's cutesy wit, but overall I found the book useful.

Greg says

I bought *Globejotting* with the goal of improving my journaling and blogging skills. As a university faculty member accompanying numerous study abroad programs, I require my students to keep journals, and have struggled with how to help them take full advantage of that opportunity for introspection and reflection.

Fox's book is an OK beginning, but doesn't offer the kind of hands-on developmental assistance I was hoping for.

Globejotting was an OK, but not great, introduction to journaling. Quite honestly, though, for anyone interested in improving their travel journaling skills, I would give a much higher recommendation to *Writing Away: A Creative Guide to Awakening the Journal-Writing Traveler*, by Lavinia Spalding. It goes into much more depth, offers better examples, considers more techniques, and generally does a better job of teaching journaling skills.

Charles Rubinoff says

This is good book to get started on travel journaling. If I had to sum it up in three bullets...

- Speed journaling is okay, just get some thoughts down. Something is better than nothing. You can always add more later.
 - Keep in mind all five senses of perception and your internal/external experiences as you write.
 - The more you write, the better you'll get. Make it convenience, but make it a priority and work to stay motivated to write—you'll be glad you did.
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Brian Guthrie says

The book was an easy read, and has a lot of good writing strategies and exercises. Several of the ideas the author uses might be familiar if you've read other books on writing (he is careful to give credit where it's due), but the way he puts the ideas together in a clear and engaging way, with humor, made the book a fun, easy read for me. The author also teaches classes on travel writing, and this comes through in his desire to motivate and give specific advice. His caring for your success as a writer comes through. I can see how his tips would have been honed through practice and feedback, and I appreciated his examples. He's particularly good with tips about overcoming mental obstacles, and specific strategies for adding details and depth to your writing. I also thought his chapter on public vs. private writing, and his advice about finding time to write, were nice additions. As the online writing options he discusses are a bit dated, referring to myspace and typepad rather than tumblr, twitter, or facebook, it would be nice to see these updated in a future edition. Overall you may not find groundbreaking insights (especially if you've read other books on writing), but I think you'll find a well-written little book with good tips that you can quickly put into practice.

Sheridan says

This was a great book to read right before my three week trip to Germany. Dave Fox is very funny and makes the book very enjoyable. I left with an empty journal and came back with a 26 oz. journal. I wrote every day and used his tips. I even sent him the pictures of my journal before and after and he posted them on his site globejotting.com.

Keith Andrews says

Globejotting by Dave Fox is quick and easy read to encourage travel journaling. Dave Fox is a seasoned writer and a seasoned traveler. He uses his experience of both to teach travel journaling through personal examples, discussion of the principles, and exercises to follow through in your own journal. I enjoyed his writing style and the instruction inside was highly applicable. I have been journaling since about 1982, and I was very pleased to learn new techniques and ideas. But more than that, I was encouraged to continue writing—even though at times I fall into slumps.

One favorite lesson from the book was a statement he made that said: “Write like no one is watching”. This is a critical piece of advice for journalers. The fear of having the writing be read by another person is a common fear—one that I struggle with. Fox’s statement offers a framework to think about when that fear pops up its head.

Another lesson that I truly liked was the author’s encouragement to practice travel journaling even when you are not traveling. This is a good lesson for me because it encourages a different voice for my journals than one that I have used in the past. He encourages this technique with the observation that if you are comfortable writing every day, then it won’t be a chore when you travel.

One final lesson that I appreciated was an emphasis on speed writing. Speed writing he explains is simply writing everything done as fast you can during the trip as a rough draft. This helps get the ideas on paper and then they can be cleaned up later. It is a great technique to use in the travel journal because it accomplished the task of capturing the moment, but doesn’t chew up your entire vacation doing it.

I wholeheartedly recommend this book for people that desire to journal—there are many trips that can be transferred into daily journaling. I also recommend it to people that want to take a travel journal with them on their next trip. I am going to use some of the techniques as I travel more and develop more for my blog in the future. It is also a good book to keep as a reference after it has been read. It is full of ideas and concepts that may take some time to work through. I enjoyed reading the book over the weekend as it has helped me rethink my approach to travel writing.

Nate VanHart says

Love Dave Fox's sense of humor. Clear, concise, comical. Teaches you how to write descriptively (while traveling anywhere in the world) without having to sacrifice a ton of time with your face buried in your notebook.

Alisa Kester says

Fun book to read simply because of the author's great voice, but I'm not sure how helpful I'll find his tips. I don't think our journal-keeping styles will merge well. But I do want to get his travel memoir now!
