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Jack Elliott has Alzheimer's. To preserve his mind, he has written his life's story: the lessons, the gains and the losses he has lived through, in hopes that as his granddaughter, Alison, comes of age, she will not make the same mistakes he did. For her birthday, Jack takes Alison on a journey to the places in the West where he found his independence in life, his dependence on God, and fell in love for the first time.

When Jack's journals are stolen, Alison realizes that nothing will protect her grandfather from the evils of Alzheimer's. Victims of a hit-and-run, Jack is seriously injured. Desperate to find a piece of his past to bring to him, Alison continues the journey, searching for answers, seeking the people and places her grandfather once knew. As Alison follows the stories she grew up on, she realizes that she's looking for Jack's first love...and it's not her grandmother. Will this woman be enough? Will she be the 'kiss' that wakes him up?

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Scott Gill says

I was taught that the job of a writer is to suspend reality for the reader; to write in such a way that he or she falls in love with the characters, longs to meet them, maybe even have a cup of coffee and a little discussion over their adventures. Jessica Schaub has done that for me. I'm not going to spoil the story but I loved Alison and Jack Elliot, especially Jack, a man of integrity who'd lived beyond the life he'd been dealt. Written in the form of journal excerpts, there are also tons of little aphorisms, especially by Jack. I found myself underlining the wise sayings like I would if I was reading a self help book on Christian living. Wow, isn't that crazy? I'm underlining, even considering posting some saying in my classroom said by a person created from someone's imagination! See what I mean? So, yes, I highly recommend this book. Great job, Jessica, I can't wait to see what comes next from that pen.

Judith P. says

I can now say I have "Met Jack Elliott and want to be just like him".

Jessica says

I personally love this book...I'm biased, I wrote it :) It follows the journey of a grandfather and granddaughter as one remembers the lessons learned and the other learns the lessons for the first time. Unforgettable Roads is about sharing stories, sharing lives, and finding family. While one of the characters suffers from Alzheimer's, that is not the main key of the story. I purposefully kept the Alzheimer's in the background because it is such a heavy topic for so many people who are caring for loved ones.

If you read Unforgettable Roads, please let me know what you think. I am planning a second book - and thoroughly enjoying collecting scenes, plots, and revisiting these characters.

Mkmadden99 says

I don't usually read inspirational fiction, so I don't really have anything to compare it to in that genre but I thought it was a nice story. I liked the main story much more than the Eddie story.

Jennifer Chow says

3.5 stars. This is a really sweet book. I like how it explores the faith of a grandfather and how he transferred his values to his granddaughter. Although it was odd to transition back and forth between the current timeframe and Jack's past, I got used to it. In fact, many of Jack's journal entries were my favorite parts of the book. I think Schaub used some excellent references to the past, and I liked her details from the bygone

era. I also admired the inner exploration that occurred with the younger characters of Alison and Trey. Plus, I enjoyed the mystery that they had to track down. My main issue with the story is that I thought the Eddie portion was superfluous. I felt that his transformation was too quick and not as believable. While I understood the significance of his decision and it highlights the ability of belief to change someone, I thought that the beauty of faith was already well-told using the other characters.

Jannine says

The same way you get lost in a daydream, Jessica's captive story-telling whisks you away to another world. There's a depth to the characters she's created, which allows you to really connect with them. My favorite part about this book is that it's heartfelt; equally uplifting, painful and hopeful. This story is rich with honest life-lessons; both regrets and successes.
