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Knee-deep in a swamp in the depths of the Bolivian jungle, hunting for anacondas in a pair of sandals, it occurred to George that perhaps he should have booked that all-inclusive honeymoon to the Maldives after all.

Join George and Rachel on their hilarious journey through the wilds of Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia, as they climb volcanoes, fish for piranhas, trek through the Amazon rainforest, take death-defying bus rides, sample some of the continent's strangest delicacies, and try to get to Machu Picchu.

Armed only with a basic knowledge of Spanish, small backpacks, and bags of enthusiasm, they set off together on what promised to be a life-changing adventure.

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Irene Moyer says

I enjoy his books, each one

George Mahood has a gift for humor. As always, I enjoyed this travel memoir. So far my faves are Free Country and the Josephine book. This one had several laugh out loud bits. And the travel part was so interesting. Read it!

Helen Pearson says

What? It's over already?

I'd just finished the first chapter of a Bill Bryson book and was checking Facebook from the comfort of my toil-----I mean reading chair. There was a post from George Mahood. "Oh, he's been quiet I wonder what he's been up to?" I thought to myself. Well it turned out he was announcing the release of his latest book - the very book I am attempting to review here. How damn well inconvenient of him to release a book just as I had started another! So, and I'm sorry Bill, I ditched the paper back and started this one.

I've read all of George's books and each one has sucked me into his life like an out of control Dyson. I'm not sure what it is but I think it's the humour and the fact I seem to share that sense of humour.

As a travelogue this is a brilliant book. Just enough travel detail for an armchair explorer like me and more than enough descriptive detail of the places visited to enable me to feel like I was there and save myself the hassle of visiting for myself!

Well done George, you have another great book to add to your best sellers list. Now bloody well hurry up with the next one (just kidding, however we're going on holiday next September so it would be handy to have it by then).

Laurie says

George Mahood's "Travels With Rachel: In Search of South America" newest memoir has hit my top 4 of this author's books! Loved it!

Rachel and George set off for South America on their honeymoon with only a rucksack each and a limited Spanish vocabulary. It has loads of information on traveling through Bolivia, Ecuador & Peru and if I was planning a trip to the three areas this book would go into my rucksack.

Rachel steps out of her comfort zone several times in this adventure and I have to admire her fortitude. George's easy writing style and witty humour keep you page turning. Bravo to George! This is a memoir I will revisit!

Sue says

A funny and adventuresome and entertaining tale of visits to multiple S A countries and the wonderful and awful things that happened. George and Rachel, his wife, delayed spending time for a honeymoon until almost 1 year following the actual wedding. They traveled without plans and tried to live cheaply and close to the inhabitants while speaking little Spanish and attempting to experience the wonders and landmarks of the areas. The tale of the Anaconda search, the people- natives and not-, the journeys and attempts to get to train stations or busses or ticket windows in time, and the many different vehicles they "traveled in" make for a silly and yet endearing read. I laughed out loud at parts of the story.

Kristin says

George Mahood is one of the funniest contemporary memoirists we have, and he's just getting better. In this book, he writes so clearly that I felt like I was in South America, despite never having been there. He writes brilliant imagery without you even realizing it. I also laughed out loud, winced at their more unfortunate travel moments, and found myself disappointed when it was over--I loved reading it, and didn't want it to end.

Roberta Morgan says

A wonderful adventure

I've read all of George Mahood's books, but now I think it's time to read them again to enjoy a chronological perspective. Well written travel experiences.

Paul Catterton says

As always, George keeps you laughing

My wife and I read George's books before sleep. George always provides a light note with which to end the day and occasional anecdotes to make you think. Along the way we often learn something new as George shares historical facts most of us don't know about locations along he and Rachel's journeys. They are an enjoyable couple who are well matched and obviously great friends.

thomas ahart says

A fun travel tale

I enjoyed this book very much. Full of quirky characters, enchanting places, and crazy adventures. The author and his wife travel with eyes wide open, and a really cool attitude. I think the only thing that is better than the book, would be actually traveling with Rachel and George. I had a very enjoyable evening reading

this tale. Thanks George.

Beda Norman says

Another wonderful book

Really enjoyable. I hope you keep having adventures and writing about them. It is a pleasure to follow you along.

Sunshine Moore says

Another excellent read by George Mahood

Once again, George Mahood managed to beautifully and humorously write about his adventures and share them with us. All of his books are indeed a pleasure to read. He writes with such sincerity also. He's passionate about his travels, and his writing. Incredible sense of humor! Another job well done!

Kristina Trawick says

Another fun trip with George

George is off again, this time with new wife, to see the sites in several countries in South America that pictures don't do justice to. Funny, as usual, with tales of derring do and a dog. Great romp.....

Craig Strachan says

A short, fun and easy to read book describing George's adventures (and misadventures) with his wife Rachelle in South America. What makes the books really fun is not so much what happens, but how he responds to what happens, and his humorous descriptions of events. He has a unique ability to get himself into interesting situations (such as hunting for anaconda's in a pair of flip flops). As in his other books, George's typical self-deprecating humour comes through well. For fans of his other books (and you should be), this fills the gap between Josephine and Free Country.

A perfect holiday read.

Joanne Sanchez says

Great read

As with his other books, George captures the adventures and misadventures in equally amusing measure.

I'm sorry I read it so quickly and now I have to wait for the next book.

Mrs Olga A Danes-Volkov says

Simply love George Mahood's books. I read a lot of travel books and for the most part, they are dire. If the blurb says "hilarious", it means they're full of very heavy handed jokes. Like his other books, which I can't recommend too highly, this one really is funny and as I read in the insomniac night, I have to suppress my laughter lest I wake my partner. Read this book and all the others, they're magic.

Nancy says

Another success

In this book, George takes the reader along a backpacking journey that he and his wife took exploring Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru. As is his writing style, the book is full of humor, colorful descriptions and dialog that make you feel like you are right there with him. I would highly recommend this, and all of George's books, to anyone who enjoys reading about life's funny adventures presented through the eyes of an excellent storyteller!
