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'A Beard In Nepal II' (Return to the Village) is now published and is available on Amazon.

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"....a joy to read...."

"....an adventure tale filled with colorful characters...."

"....laugh out loud humor...."

"....I would highly recommend this...."

"....A fascinating insight into the rewards and pitfalls of doing something really significant, worthwhile and life changing...."

"....beautifully written, both humorous and poignant...."

"....would highly recommend to armchair travellers...."

"....a heady mixture of travel narrative, humanity and comic escapades...."

"....cannot be recommended highly enough...."

"....Reading Fiona Roberts' book is a humbling as well as a joyful experience...."

"....I selfishly felt I wanted Fiona and Tod to return to Salle, just so that hopefully she will write another entertaining and gripping account for me to read...."

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Katrina Day-reilly says

Great read well written

Cally Pepper says

I have just finished 'A Beard in Nepal' and have to say I could not put it down, Fiona Roberts' style of writing is both funny and sensitive - whilst her humour had me just laughing out loud on every page. And yet most of the time she is just laughing at herself! The content was so fascinating - the problems faced by high altitude, the dangerous adventures with simple activities such as a walk along a path or a bus trip in the mountains sounding like some new extreme-sport, and her relationships with brown shiny cockroaches, flying insects, leeches (eew!) and other unwanted visitors - including the elusive tiger, never seen but ever present. I loved the book and really hope that there will be another book, I would love to hear more about the children Fiona taught at the school, what happened to Wooley - their trusty dog who adopted them, and of course whether Fiona and 'Ali Baba' ever considered returning to Nepal. I live in hope and can't wait for the next book!

??? ??? says

I was expecting a book about Volunteering in Nepal. As Fiona was a volunteer English teacher over there. I was waiting her stories with the kids, people generally and the impact this trip had on both her and them.

I missed the "sense of purpose" in Fiona's volunteering trip. Usually Muslims volunteer with deep purpose. But Fiona's trip sounded as just a kind of adventure without being related to real deep purpose for the world.

This book is good to know everything bad about Nepal. Fiona kept talking about every bad thing for 11 chapters, she didn't mention the kids in deep way before chapter 12. I was frustrated because of this.

She mentioned what's bad about their diet, attitude, treating dogs, corrupted system, buses, music and loud voices, the road...and a lot of complains. She didn't start to tell the good side a little but in the last few chapters which weren't as deep as I thought as well.

In the end, It is good to know how she saw this trip. May be, It is also good to be aware of the hardships of travelling to Nepal.

Yet, I am not planning by any way to read more books for Fiona. I don't even know what to do with the hardcopy I have, As it would be hard to reread that book later anyways.

Faye says

Reads like a long letter to folks back home. Very humorous.

Adam Parker says

What a fun and quick read! It gave a glimpse into the culture of northern Nepal, and from a quirky and witty perspective. I did have trouble following what was going on at times, though that simply could have been due to the British humor and writing style. I walked away knowing much more about the people of Nepal though; I actually feel as if I know the people of Salle (the village the author spent most of her time in). I recommend this book for any hoping to travel to that land in the future or simply wanting to get an understanding of what it is like. You'll have fun reading it, I guarantee it.

Neil Higgins says

'A Beard In Nepal' is a warm and humorous account of the ups and downs (often falling down!) of being a volunteer teacher in a remote village in Nepal. Fiona Roberts leads us through the decision to take advantage of a life changing opportunity, dealing with high altitudes, narrow roads clinging to the sides of mountains, piles of rubbish and attitudes to dogs (and other animals). At the end you may not wish to visit Nepal for yourself unless you are a hardy traveller, but you will certainly have an insight into this unique country. One little niggle, though. There are a handful of black and white photos in the book. With the descriptions of the wonderful things that the author saw and photographed in Nepal, surely a future edition could be justified having more photos in it, and in colour?

Nick says

A pretty funny and informative account of one couple's account of a 5 month stay in Nepal to teach English in a remote village. It details time in Kathmandu, along with the trial of travel in the country and the major cities.

Lesley says

I've been to Nepal many times. I love the country and I love reading other people's accounts of their experiences there. This one started off OK, with its humorous account of the author's trek in the Annapurna region. But it quickly got tiresome. The way she described people's reactions to her husband's beard, I found a little hard to believe. What, not a single Nepali who saw her husband had ever seen a Sadhu, or holy man? Whose beards are certainly wilder and bushier than her husband's. And all of them were so familiar with Western folk tales, they instantly referred to him as Ali Baba?

There was lots to be annoyed about with this book, but the thing that bugged me most was the author not once referring to her Tibetan guide by his name, only by its English translation. It's Tsering, by the way. That's how Long Life translates into Tibetan. Oh, and you're going to write that you spoke to lots of Tibetans and what they had to say you found very surprising, tell the reader what they fricking said!

Oh, and tigers in the Everest region? Give.Me.A.Break

A very superficial book in so many ways. I won't be bothering with the sequels

Bluejay44 says

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This is a great read. You feel as though you are there, every step of the way.

Elina says

A Beard in Nepal is funny and touching travel book. Fiona Roberts writes vividly and I really like her sense of humour. The book is also quite informative which is nice because I am keen to learn about different cultures. I will absolutely read A Beard in Nepal 2 too!

Bookish says

written very simply... writer's self deprecating humour makes this quite an enjoyable peek into the rural life in a Nepalese village

Rey says

How this bit of trash ended up on my "to read" list I may never know but I want the couple hours, of my life, I spent reading it back.

What type of adult nicknames fellow travelers "The Dumpies"? Don't most of us learn in preschool not to

name call?! She later calls workers in the visa office "the three stooges" and states that all Nepalese are "liars". (I assume she's expecting these three stooges to cater to her indignant english while in their country.)

Its page after page of complaining sprinkled with descriptions of her clumsy falling. JOY

She should stay home.
(and stop writing books)

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Andrea says

This book reminded me when I went to places like sri lanka,kenya,when we visited schools handing out simple things like pens.will read second book.
