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**steven herrick : baguettes and bicycles: a cycling adventure across France (Eurovelo) (Volume 1)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised baguettes and bicycles: a cycling adventure across France (Eurovelo) (Volume 1):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. French countryside done well, by the meter and by the liter! By Marcus W. Really entertaining writing, kind of frustrating because the Kindle version did not have a good map to show

the path of his trip. His vignettes are well laid out and have whimsical twists to them like "what I should have said". He eats his way across France, burning about 5,000 calories a day and eating somewhat less on excellent local food, which is also a guidebook of sorts. His French is passible and he appreciates the French culture for what it is - unique and remarkable. All in all, a great read for an tourist (bike or otherwise) who is dreaming of the next trip. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The book was a great and easy read for anybody thinking of similar travel ... By Sue I am bit biased with my comments as I am a cyclist and about to embark on Southern France with touring bikes after a few years of small holidays in France hiring the odd hybrid. The book was a great and easy read for anybody thinking of similar travel or have had similar experiences - I can relate to it a lot. However it has inspired me more and I look forward to reading all 3 books in the series. Steven brings humour into this book along with inspiration and very factual information. I love it ... on your bike. Looking forward to more adventures Steven! 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. For the armchair cyclist it fills a need By J. Lord However, for those who cycle and tour it was OK, but not memorable. I'm sure Steven is a fine fellow, but in my opinion a Willie Weir he is not when it comes to writing about adventuring on a bicycle. It certainly didn't leave me wanting more when it ended. My wife and I are cycling the same route (Eurovelo 6) from St Nazaire to Basel this coming September and I was/am reading just about everything I can find on the trip. That is why we purchased this book (that and the rave reviews). We have toured in France on bicycles before (we flew into Bordeaux and cycled the canals to the Med last year.... oddly that is trip Steven Herrick did after this one). Update: My wife and I spent 22 days cycling this route this past September. Conditions obviously vary year to year. Unlike Steven who had lots of rain, we only experienced about 20 minutes of rain for the whole 22 days. Suggestions for anyone contemplating the ride: get the following books: "The Complete Loire Vlo Trail Nevers and Orlans to the Ocean" (isbn: 978-2-7373-5001-6) available in english. I bought ours thru UK also get "Eurovlo 6 Atlantique - Mer Noire de Ble Nevers" (isbn: 978-2-84466-175-3) this is in french. First gets you to Nevers the second from Nevers to Basel (Ble). Both books read as if cycling east to west so one has to work backwards starting at the back of the books and working toward the front. This is not a serious problem but worth mentioning. ALSO: The map pack by Huber Eurovelo 6 (sections 1-6) (isbn: 978-3-9437520-0-7) although supposedly up to date, it is not, however but it is worth the weight of its carry as it makes for easy route planning and overview. Most trails are in better condition than indicated on the maps (several sections are listed as under construction are in fact finished and have been for some time). Best advice for where to stay is to make use of the Tourist Offices calling ahead in the morning for that night's accommodation. Most Tourist Offices will call for you for free. Beautiful ride, anyone reasonably fit can do this (I'm 65 and my wife is 72). Next year Basel to Rotterdam, cycling the Rhine River (Eurovelo 15). The first section just out of St Nazaire (south side of bridge) is poorly maintained and mud if it had been raining (and August was mostly rain this year). Hope this helps,

Award-winning author Steven Herrick journeys across France on a bicycle, meeting the locals and savouring the pleasures of french food. Beginning on the Atlantic coast of Brittany, the author follows the Loire Valley, the Saone River and numerous canal paths through vineyards, quiet forests and small villages, accompanied by his slow red bicycle, christened Craig after a well-known weight-loss guru. But does the author listen to slimming advice? Non! Adopting the intriguing mantra that 'cycling is just an interlude between meals,' Steven Herrick indulges in three courses for lunch and four courses for dinner, straining the bounds of lycra-clad good taste while testing the frame strength of his bicycle. Not content with crossing France from west to east and cycling over 1,200 kilometres, the author also decides to tackle the iconic mountains of the Tour de France. Mont Ventoux, Alpe d'Huez, Col du Galibier and more... in search of cycling nirvana and the perfect boulangerie. 'baguettes and bicycles' is an adventure, a restaurant safari and a travelogue for those who enjoy slow food, easy cycling... and fast descents!

About the Author Steven Herrick has written twenty-one books for children and young adults. His novels have twice won the NSW Premier's Literary Awards and he has been shortlisted for the prestigious Australian Children's Book Council Book of the Year Awards on seven occasions. He travels the world visiting schools to perform his poetry and to discuss his books. This is his first travel book.