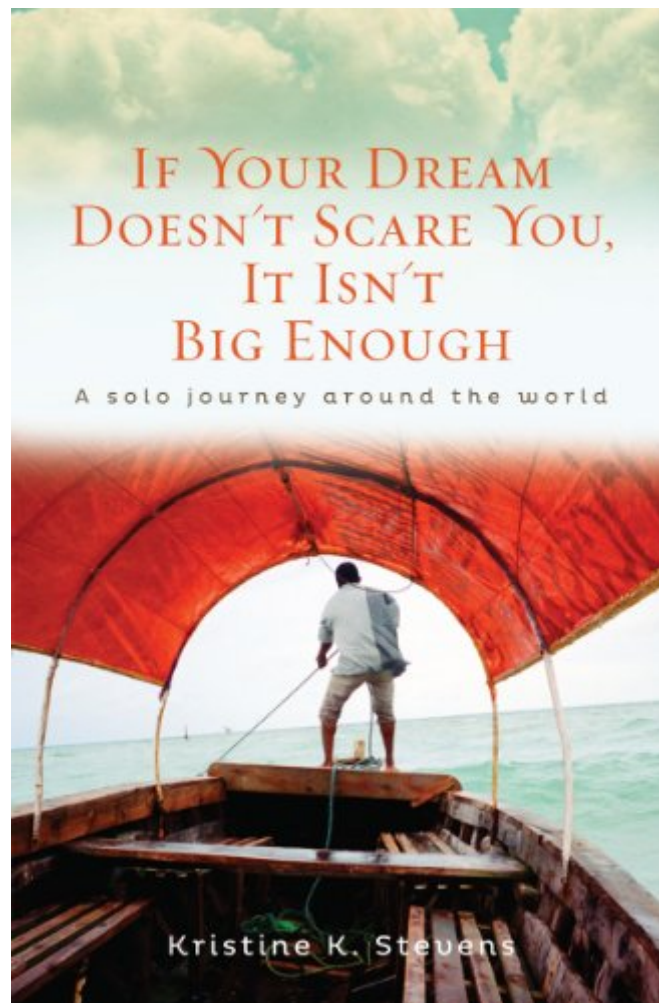




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If Your Dream Doesn't Scare You, It Isn't Big Enough: A Solo Journey Around The World



Synopsis

In honor of her 40th birthday, Kristine K. Stevens sold her house, quit her job and traveled solo around the world. Carrying a backpack and the naïve belief that the trip was nothing more than a six-month-long vacation, she hit the road. As her journey moved on and off the beaten tourist path, she braved a monsoon in Zanzibar, a safari in Kenya, trekking in Nepal, kayaking in Thailand, caves in Laos, red plaid fish and lava in Hawaii, and grizzly bears in Alaska. Told with wonder, humor and suspense, with historical facts woven into the tale, "If Your Dream Doesn't Scare You, It Isn't Big Enough" captures the twisted, unpredictable nature of global travel. Reviews "... Stevens makes a friendly, relatable narrator ... plenty of colorful stories to make this an enjoyable, inspiring read ... An often sweet memoir about finding oneself in many different places." - Kirkus Book Reviews

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Customer Reviews

This review is for the Kindle edition ebook. Disclosure: The author requested I review this book. Any journey starts with the first step, however, few of us will keep going for six months. This is a journal of six months of travel around the world. It is a well documented and fun to read experience, great

for those of us that will never get to fully experience the actual travel. The naivete that the traveler has going into this is understandable. Had she known or fully investigated everything before starting, this book may never have been written. Because of the way it is written, I was able to journey with the author throughout her travels. While a touch long in some descriptions, this is an excellent book for those yearning for adventure. Kristine Stevens did an excellent job journaling her travels in this book. It is very entertaining, at times serious, at times a bit frightening. It will certainly help those looking to travel to prepare. It should inspire some of the readers to press on with their own dreams. It will show the reader that in this age of technology, anything is still possible for those willing to dream big enough. I really enjoyed this book. Having traveled some outside the United States, I have first hand experience with some of what the author went through. I would recommend this book to all the readers thinking about travel. It is an excellent primer for those of us with big dreams, still wondering if such a dream is even possible.

Amazing book that is very-well written and adventurous and ambitious from start to finish. The author is truly talented and it's evident on each and every page due to how perfectly refined and executed the scenes are, the story made me want to jump right on a plane right after I had finished the book and experience some traveling adventures for myself. One of the major things that I admire about the writing style is the way that humor is cleverly incorporated into some of the scenes and how much detail is expressed throughout the book, the author does a good job of emphasizing the most important parts of her travels with some very unique observations - giving the reader the same experience she had through words. Overall it's a great book, written very well and in a way that stays captivating from front to back. I highly recommend it

If you're a traveler at any level, you will enjoy taking this journey with Kristine. She's an articulate writer and must have taken copious notes during this trip because it was fascinating to read even small details about meals, scenery, natives she encountered and so much more along with her personal observations. She ventured out as many of us dream to do and wrote a wonderful memoir of this trip-of-a-lifetime to share with those of us who still can't 'clear the universe' to make it happen. Lucky us that she shared the good and bad portions that are bound to travel along with you on this kind of a journey. Kudos to Kristine for having the courage to take the leap and sharing the entire experience.

I lived vicariously through this book and enjoyed it thoroughly. Kristine included enough details to

really give the flavor of the places she visited and her experience without it becoming wordy. She is a good writer and her adventures were fun to ride along on through her book. I also appreciate her point of view and sense of humor.

I liked the detail of the book, the interactions with the people she met, the learning along the way. I could relate to much of what she was going through in adapting to new cultures - perhaps because I read the book while on a trip to Bangladesh. My only disappointment was in that the title of the book didn't really reflect some of what was inside - meaning that (and this might be a failure on my part) that I was looking forward to something that would prompt me to set audacious "scary" goals in my future, go and achieve them, and then go on to bigger and better things. So this was a really neat travelogue, but I was left wondering if the author was organically changed because of the experiences that she had in her travels.

Great read. I thoroughly enjoyed following the author's journey throughout the book. I picked up many little tips and tricks for traveling alone, and even some quotes to live by (a Tibetan proverb about worrying comes to mind). As mentioned in previous reviews, the book does slow down a bit towards the end, but primarily because the exotic nature of the trip is lost when the author returns to America. However, I was inspired by her descriptions of the people and places in Alaska (not so much Hawaii). The language is simple throughout the book, making for a quick and easy read.

This was such a fast read! I loved reading about Kristine's adventures. She gave me more inspiration and encouragement to travel solo, and this was such an entertaining novel that I was able to forget my fear of flying while on the plane. I left this book at an airport for someone lucky enough to find it. I hope they too will be inspired to take some journeys.

This is the first non-fiction book I have ever read. Well, of my own accord anyway. I wasn't sure if I was going to like it. I mean, traveling is awesome, but reading about someone else traveling? I had a hard time believing that it could be worth reading. Well, as it turns out I couldn't have been more pleasantly surprised. The author described her adventures in such a way that you felt like you were really there. I really enjoyed it and would recommend it to anyone who enjoys the genre. Also, anyone who is looking for something different to read should absolutely take a chance on this book. You won't be disappointed.

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