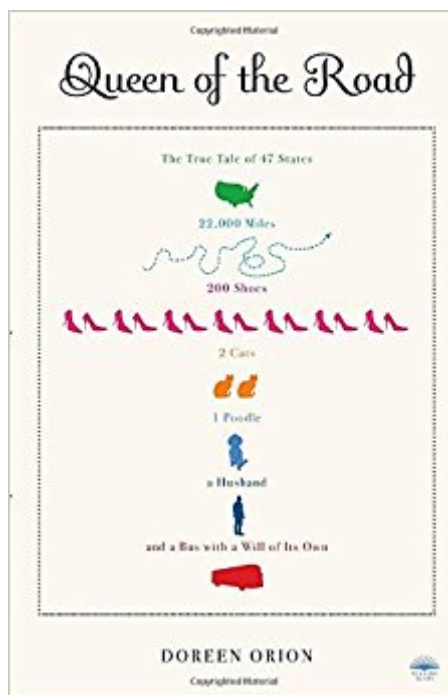


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# Queen Of The Road: The True Tale Of 47 States, 22,000 Miles, 200 Shoes, 2 Cats, 1 Poodle, A Husband, And A Bus With A Will Of Its Own



## Synopsis

A pampered Long Island princess hits the road in a converted bus with her wilderness-loving husband, travels the country for one year, and brings it all hilariously to life in this offbeat and romantic memoir. Doreen and Tim are married psychiatrists with a twist: She's a self-proclaimed Long Island princess, grouchy couch potato, and shoe addict. He's an affable, though driven, outdoorsman. When Tim suggests "chucking it all" to travel cross-country in a converted bus, Doreen asks, "Why can't you be like a normal husband in a midlife crisis and have an affair or buy a Corvette?" But she soon shocks them both, agreeing to set forth with their sixty-pound dog, two querulous cats and no agenda in a 340-square-foot bus. *Queen of the Road* is Doreen's offbeat and romantic tale about refusing to settle; about choosing the unconventional road with all the misadventures it brings (fire, flood, armed robbery, and finding themselves in a nudist RV park, to name just a few). The marvelous places they visit and delightful people they encounter have a life-changing effect on all the travelers, as Doreen grows to appreciate the simple life, Tim mellows, and even the pets pull together. Best of all, readers get to go along for the ride through forty-seven states in this often hilarious and always entertaining memoir, in which a boisterous marriage of polar opposites becomes stronger than ever.

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"Two psychiatrists driving a motor home around America, and you're still wondering whether to buy this book? Step on the gas and go straight to the register." —Jeff Arch, Academy

Award-nominated screenwriter, *Sleepless In Seattle*"Doreen Orion has a fresh, wry voice that's all her own and she works it like a rodeo rider in her light-hearted and yet tender new memoir, *Queen of the Road*." — Jacquelyn Mitchard, New York Times bestselling author of *The Deep End of the Ocean* "His dream • he • she • always wanted to see America in a converted bus • and her nightmare • she has a bus phobia • and their mid-life crisis on wheels, make for a hilarious reading adventure." — Mary-Lou Weisman, author of *Traveling While Married* "You will never look at a psychiatrist the same way again. And you will never take a bus driver for granted, either." — John Elder Robison, New York Times bestselling author of *Look Me in the Eye* "Doreen Orion and her handyman husband Tim prove, with abundant laughs and martini shaker in hand, that sometimes the best way to enrich home-life is to leave the home...or, better yet, just put it on wheels." — Franz Wisner, New York Times bestselling author of *Honeymoon with My Brother* "Orion has every good travel writer's ability to make readers feel they are there, to capture the telling details of places, and to present the account in a witty, accessible way. Reading the book makes you want to hit the road and have some of your own grand adventures. This is a fun read that will make just about anyone start itching for a road trip. Grade 'A.'" — Rocky Mountain News "A Charles Kuralt-Albert Brooks-style romp where they meet up with nudists, robbers and more. Required Reading." - The New York Post "Hot Summer Read." - Chicago Tribune "The Elizabeth Gilbert Antichrist." - The Oregonian "Beneath its fun and frothy exterior, you'll find in this wild ride across America's highways and byways a lovely portrait of a marriage that treats its ups and downs with humor and grace." - Elle Magazine "A charming, insightful and - most important - hilarious book that evokes the best of Bill Bryson and David Sedaris, but spotlights the unique voice of a gifted memoirist." - Jonathan Kellerman, New York Times Bestselling Novelist "Queen of the Road is basically what would happen if you took me, gave me a modicum of maturity and a better education, and then tricked me into living on a (very nice) bus with my husband and pets for a year. I loved this book and I love this author." - Jen Lancaster, bestselling author of *Bright Lights, Big Ass*, *Bitter is the New Black* and *Such a Pretty Fat* "The author's charm, intelligence and wit make this multi-faceted memoir a must-read. Eat, Pray, Love - without the depression - meets Confessions of a Shopaholic - without the ditz." - Denver Magazine "A funny, inspiring travel memoir of one couple's cross-country motorhome trip and how it changed their lives.... an action-packed, romantic journey of trials and transformations." - Family Motor Coaching Magazine "Part travel memoir, part diva-on-a-bus-tour comedy." — 5280 Magazine

DOREEN ORION is a triple-boarded psychiatrist on the faculty of the University of Colorado Health Science Center. She is an award-winning author, has lectured throughout the U.S., and has appeared on major national media such as Larry King Live, 48 Hours, Good Morning America and been interviewed by the New York Times, People Magazine and many others. Still, she considers her greatest accomplishment that her bus was the centerfold for Bus Conversions magazine (which she is the travel writer for), thus fulfilling a life-long ambition of being a Miss September.

I really enjoyed this book, so much so that after reading a loaner from a friend, I bought my own copy, so I could visit the stops at leisure. Not only is the story enticing, of two people who actually followed their dream (well, at least his), but the author's wit creates almost the slightly unwilling, distaff version of a Bill Bryson travelogue. Written from the thoroughly urban view of a self-admitted shopaholic, it was at the same time funny and honestly romantic; I loved her 'Drinks of the Occasion' heading each chapter, whether created in celebration or in anxiety...toasting another chapter of their travels. For a fair part of the book I wasn't sure where the trip would end; her living up to her husband's assessment of a typical JAP, which I had arrived at well before the third chapter, but through their meanderings, her candid humor brings her to really appreciate an uncluttered and richer life. Doreen and her husband are people I'd be happy to meet in any RV setting, any state, any time. Thanks for letting us ride along on this hilarious journey!

Sometimes doing something completely out of character can be amazing. Here's an account of that. Doreen is an interesting mix! Both sympathetic and, at times, very much not. This is a memoir, based on her blog, of her reluctant (at least at first) travels around the country with her husband and pets on a converted bus. "Converted bus" does not really sum it up, though- that sounds declasse, and this conversion- with its ridiculously expensive granite countertop, and the stainless steel tiles in the shower, for example- is a custom, pricey job with all possible luxuries! I have been fascinated by RVs ever since I toured them as a kid at the Minnesota State Fair. I love their clockwork efficient use of space- and as a clutter-hound myself, their minimalism has a fascination! at least for a while! They had many adventures, which Orion describes in a humorous way, even those that were no doubt terrifying at the time. She and her husband rib each other endlessly, but clearly adore each other...realistically. If you enjoyed this book, you will likely adore the mysteries that feature Joe and Dottie Loudermilk and their Airstream trailer, as they travel and have adventures! Written by Gar Anthony Haywood, I only wish there were more! While I enjoyed this book, I think the Kindle price for it is absurdly high; I got it for free through a special offer.

WHEN I FRIST READ QUEEN OF THE ROAD I THOUGHT I WOULD WRITE A REVIEW BUT FORGOT. SO, HERE IT IS NOW AFTER I JUST BOUGHT THIS HILARIOUS BOOK AGAIN. MY SECOND COPY CAME IN THE MAIL TODAY ALSO ORDERED A COPY FOR A CLOSE FAMILY FRIEND . WHO LOVES TO READ REALLY FUNNY BOOKS, I THINK SHE WILL REALLY LIKE IT I JUST LOVED IT I PLAN TO REREAD IT AGAIN. AND, I AM, LOOKING READING AGAIN AND LAUGHING OUT LOUD THROUGH THE WHOLE BOOK AGAIN. I KNOW I WILL REALLY LIKE IT OR REALLY LOVE THIS BOOK AGAIN ITS A WONDERFUL HILARIOUS BOOK AND A GREAT READ I LOVE IT AND AM GLAD TO HAVE ANOTHER COPY OF AGAIN.

I laughed so hard while reading Queen of the Road by the light of my camping lantern I blew chunks of Smores out my nose. Doreen's fear of under measured interstate under passes is matched by her husband's fear of allowing her to drive his mammoth tour bus. With a psychotic cat with a weak bladder, one laid back poodle with his best friend a different cat, shaking around in a bus for a year only hysterical episodes can fall out the forever opening bus door. Add her love of shopping centers on solid flat ground, his expeditions into the wild of Alaska on foot and you might see yourself wanting to find the nearest Four Seasons spa. I've been a camper as long as I have lived but never with the trials, tribulations, worries, and riotous good times as described by Doreen Orion. Now comes the big questions, will I recommend this book to others, defiantly a 10 on the scale. Will I give this book away for someone else to enjoy, defiantly not. Why? I'm going to read it again, something I almost never do. Enjoy - Spartan Caver

I enjoyed their journey. I liked the humor that was very subtle. I could relate with her on a personal level. It was a very enjoyable read.

Once you get past the almost journal entry writing style and quick segues from present to past tense, this is a fun book about marriage, adventure and self discovery. I will actually read it again and would love if my hubby did too.

Is the first word I think of to describe Tim and D2's travel adventures, especially regarding Bob and AR, I am southern after all.

I loved this book. My husband has been wanting to travel across the United States. I found her book

charmingand can't wait till we do this. We also have a Standard Poodle. I want to be part of the Queen of the Road fanclub!!Sandi

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