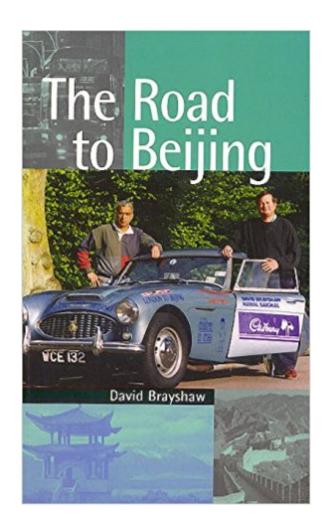


The book was found

The Road To Beijing





Synopsis

After taking early retirement, the author fulfills an ambitious dream and drives from London to Beijing in an unreliable but classic Austin Healey. This is the account of his encounters and experiences during the seven-week, 8,000-mile journey.

Book Information

Paperback: 186 pages Publisher: Book Guild Ltd (May 2000) Language: English ISBN-10: 185776403X ISBN-13: 978-1857764031 Product Dimensions: 0.5 x 8.5 x 5.5 inches Shipping Weight: 11.2 ounces Average Customer Review: 3.0 out of 5 stars 1 customer review Best Sellers Rank: #1,049,464 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #31 inà Â Books > Travel > Asia > China > Beijing #462 inà Books > Travel > Asia > China > General #803 inà Â Books > Travel > Food, Lodging & Transportation > Road Travel

Customer Reviews

A frank account of a London-Beijing journey in an old Austin Healey undertaken by a recently retired London banker and fellow Healey club member. The journey was taken under the auspices of the "children in need" charity though the author admits it was really a means of financing his grand adventure. Many pages are (to my mind) unwisely given over to discussing finances and bureaucratic diversions. The interesting part of the journey takes place in Siberia and the Healey was apparently the first vehicle to complete the Tran-Siberian route - it's amazing that the Healey stayed in one piece, it did only just! The bleakness of the Siberian landscape is conveyed but the writing is more journalistic and "factual" than artistic. I think it falls short of the story's potential.One of the weaknesses of this book is its lack of color. While the individuals encountered on the way were interesting - and uniformly pleasant - the terrain was unrelentingly dull and, eliminating the occasions where serious chassis damage was inflicted, the days can be distinguished only by the author's account of their lodgings and meals. This may have been the truth of the journey but it makes for slightly dry reading.What impressed me most is the fact that the journey was actually undertaken and the book serves as an encouraging guide to such a venture. It's not a great read in the way Genieve Obert's book (on the London-Peking race) is and there's not a whole lot in there

for Healey enthusiasts either. But as a piece of Healey folklore, it's great.

Download to continue reading...

China Travel Guide: Best of Beijing - Your #1 Itinerary Planner for What to See, Do, and Eat in Beijing, China: a China Travel Guide on Beijing, Beijing ... (Wanderlust Pocket Guides - China Book 2) Beijing: Where To Go, What To See - A Beijing Travel Guide

(China,Shanghai,Beijing,Xian,Peking,Guilin,Hong Kong Book 3) Beijing: Where To Go, What To See - A Beijing Travel Guide (China,Shanghai,Beijing,Xian,Peking,Guilin,Hong Kong) (Volume 3) Newcomer to Beijing: How to get started as a new Beijing Expat Forbidden City in Beijing - a travel guide and tour as with the best local guide (Beijing Travel Stories Book 1) Temple of Heaven in Beijing - a travel guide and tour as with the best local guide (Beijing Travel Stories Book 2) Tiananmen Square in Beijing - a travel guide and tour as with the best local guide (Beijing Travel Stories Book 9) History of Beijing - a story told by the best local guide (Beijing Travel Stories) The Road to Beijing Around the Bloc: My Life in Moscow, Beijing, and Havana A Comrade Lost and Found: A Beijing Memoir Beijing Confidential: A Tale of Comrades Lost and Found Lost & Found Beijing The Beijing Consensus: How China's Authoritarian Model Will Dominate the 21st Century Beijing Red: A Nick Foley Thriller, Book 1 DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Beijing & Shanghai Lonely Planet Pocket Beijing (Travel Guide) Lonely Planet Beijing (Travel Guide) Frommer's EasyGuide to Beijing, Xian and Shanghai (Easy Guides) Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing Restaurants and Hotels (Zagat Survey: China)

Contact Us

DMCA

Privacy

FAQ & Help