

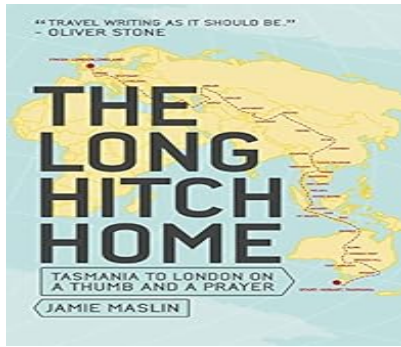
The Long Hitch Home: Tasmania to London on a Thumb and a Prayer By Jamie Maslin The Long Hitch Home: Tasmania to London on a Thumb and a Prayer After meeting Jamie at the Salamanca Markets in Hobart on my birthday last month he thrust this book into my hand and told me I would thoroughly enjoy the book. I especially recommend it to anyone excited by the idea of hitchhiking through foreign lands but is nervous about doing it themselves - just let Maslin do the hard work for you! The Long Hitch Home: Tasmania to London on a Thumb and a Prayer Although I hate the term journey this is about the best I've read. What might otherwise be just another themed "a to b" travelogue is set apart by its inclusion of some extremely thought provoking historical and geopolitical insights of the countries he passes through. And while Maslin's expressed views may not be to everybody's liking he writes in an easy going I must say it has inspired me to be more open to the kindness inherent in humanity. As an Australian I love Australia and I work closely with many of the Aboriginal groups who live in South Australia I know that racism is strong here but there is little mention of the horrors inflicted on Australian Aboriginal people by England - I feel like England got off a bit easy compared to other Western nations. When I finally got to reading it on my way home on the full day ferry from Tasmania to Melbourne I was instantly hooked and my day on the boat passed by in a flash. How many rides does it take to hitch from Tasmania to London? Rogue wanderer Jamie Maslin decides to find out propelling him into a high stakes adventure of a lifetime that sees him tackle searing desert freezing mountains tropical jungle and barren steppes on little more than a thumb and a prayer. The Long Hitch Home is a dynamic mix of heart-thumping adventure and well-researched social cultural and historical commentary on the score of countries Maslin encountered during his arduous and at times life threatening journey home. Whether writing about exotic backstreets of cities few of us will get to see or unique wonders far off the beaten track Jamie Maslin gives a thrilling and often hilarious account of what it is like to hit the road and live with intensity and rapture. " —FRED BRANFMAN author of Voices from the Plain of Jars "Readers who have been waiting for Tucker Max to travel more fully will be thrilled to discover Maslin's antics ... an honest and gripping travel narrative. " —KIRKUS REVIEWS The Long Hitch Home: Tasmania to London on a Thumb and a Prayer It was a delight to meet the author and then get to read his account! Interesting to read through his experiences but at times frustrating to think that most of the things he did I would be unable to carry out as a solo female traveler. Maslin is funny and very well-informed on the historical and political context of the places he passes through and offers lots of startling facts (with footnotes) which bolster his tale which is already interesting and adventurous enough. He also passes through all sorts of interesting places some of which were totally unknown to me before I read this and some which I have also passed through for which I now have new perspectives and a greater understanding. The Long Hitch Home: Tasmania to London on a Thumb and a Prayer Jamie recounts an extraordinary journey crammed with rich imagery extreme adventure and the sort of humour that makes you laugh out loud in quiet places.

Engaging and oftentimes humorous fashion which makes this book both an enjoyable and informative read, The Long Hitch Home: Tasmania to London on a Thumb and a Prayer I was lucky enough to have met him while I was in Hobart with a friend of mine. A great read and as someone dabbling in my own travel writing albeit from the eyes of a backpacking lens.

The narrative doesn't bog down, I recommend this to anyone interested in travel and our world in general since he crosses about half of it. Jamie (author) has descriptive impressions and impressive descriptions, I especially appreciate his expression of histories of countries that have rarely appeared on my radar; Laos and everywhere with too many K's: Entertaining and engaging.

An unstoppable read which follows the author as he hitchhikes from Tasmania back home to London a distance of over 17000 kms through 19 countries, A tourist visits a city or place and doesn't truly immerse themselves in a culture a traveller however aims to understand. A great read for someone who yearns for a bold travel story, The Long Hitch Home: Tasmania to London on a Thumb and a

Prayer This was hard, I did think about giving this book 2 stars but then the last chapter and the whole epicness of this trip saved it for me. There were some really great parts of this book - for instance I'd never thought that I might like to visit Georgia, I also didn't mind the history provided about the countries which were visited, I am never one to stick up for America but the anti-US sentiment was very strong as were the remarks about racism in Australia, All in all it was a good read and I would venture into this author's other works. The Long Hitch Home: Tasmania to London on a Thumb and a Prayer I really enjoyed this book, I bought it off the author at the Salamanca market when I was on holiday partly because he seemed a nice chap and partly because I felt a bit of pity for him, My thought was that this poor guy had self-published a book and was now flogging it on the streets of Hobart to make a living: At that time I was just reading about the Australian leg of the journey, But as I worked through this book it became very clear that this was a highly professional writer with lovely prose and great story telling ability: More than that though I learned so much in this book! The asides on local history were fascinating and highly informative, Yes there was an anti-US theme there but I think in a lot of these places that is justified, Maybe we should be questioning the whole pax Americana line we've been fed. If nothing else maybe we should understand how these poor nations might see America Australia and the UK, Anyway all that aside this was a great read and a fantastic adventure. The Long Hitch Home: Tasmania to London on a Thumb and a Prayer Tasmania to London, Reviews: "Travel writing as it should be fusing riveting travelogue with the sort of suppressed political history that screams out to be heard: The chapters on Laos and Indonesia will be a revelation for many breaking the silence on epic crimes carried out in our name, A vivid and compelling read that gives a voice to those we never hear. " — OLIVER STONE "An extraordinary journey crammed with rich imagery extreme adventure and the sort of humour that makes you laugh out loud in quiet places. It is the characters Maslin meets who stand out the most the people whose kindness and hospitality renew your faith in humanity: " — KATHERINE PRESTON author of Out With It "Very well done, " —NOAM CHOMSKY "Finally! A travel book for adults interested not only in seeing 'tourist sights' but understanding the social and political background behind them: The author has done his homework and you're the beneficiary, Travel with this book and you'll return home not only a satisfied tourist but a better more educated and wiser citizen of the world than when you left. Travel only broadens the mind when we're prepared to dig beneath the surface and this book is indispensable to doing so: The Long Hitch Home: Tasmania to London on a Thumb and a Prayer I had the good fortune to meet Maslin on the trip this book is about. Reading it brought back the great memories of when our paths crossed in central Asia and it vividly painted scenes of his other experiences on the journey. Because hitchhiking was his main form of transport Maslin meets all sorts of interesting characters along the way, His encounters are all poignant and really convey both the thrill spontaneity and the grind of traveling by your thumb. Even when he gets into history and politics I'd gladly give him a lift but also happy to enjoy his adventure vicariously: Spoiler ; he makes it to London in the end but it's the weird bits in between that make it interesting, It is the characters Maslin meets who stand out the most the people whose kindness and hospitality renew your faith in humanity: A must read! The Long Hitch Home: Tasmania to London on a Thumb and a Prayer I just finished reading The Long Hitch Home (2015) by Jamie Maslin. Jamie hitched with a backpack sleeping bag and tent from Hobart to London. The trip started with Jamie hitching a ride from Constitution Dock with a Sydney to Hobart boat doing the return trip. Jamie was forced to take one flight only from Darwin to Bali because of cyclone season. And there were some ferry rides a cargo ship across the Caspian and three very short bus trips. The sections of the trip in Indonesia and China were very interesting: Over 800 amazing kind and generous people stopped and gave Jamie a lift and often accomodation and food as well. Jamie spent an extraordinary total of only \$2100 Australian dollars for the whole trip: The Long Hitch Home: Tasmania to London on a Thumb and a Prayer



. A fascinating guy and an even better book. Definitely made it difficult to sit still reading this one. Well he wasn't wrong. Not as benevolent liberators but as exploitative manipulators. Bravo Jamie! From your ol buddy at the market. One end of the globe to the other. 800 hitchhiking rides. 18 thousand miles. Four seasons. Three continents. 19 countries. Arouses many poignant memories. Some are good some are bad some are in the middle. The Long Hitch Home is easy to read and fast-paced. I bought a signed copy in Hobart a little while ago. This is a great read. I think it took about 6 months. It is an amazing adventure