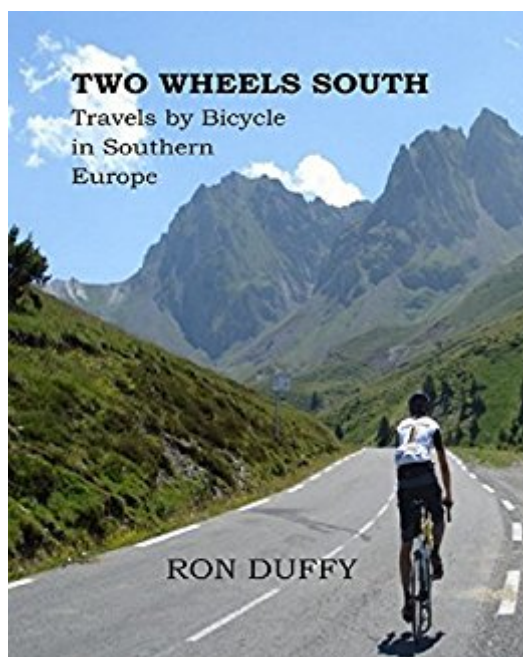


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Duffy set out on this journey with no clear plans other than “to start in the middle of France and keep on going till [his] money ran out.” That meant that the more cheaply he travelled, the longer he could keep travelling. So his tour of southern Europe, which eventually included southern France and northeastern Spain, Andorra, Corsica, Sardinia, and mainland Italy from Naples northwards, was not one of the luxurious, no-expenses-spared variety. Duffy rode a bicycle, slept in a tent, lived the rough life of a rover, feeding himself from the land as much as possible. No hotels, no spas, no gourmet meals in five-star restaurants. Just a man, a bike, a tent, and a notebook. A man with a lively mind and a keen interest in just about everything—except cars—Duffy filled his notebook not only with a traveller’s observations on roads, villages, towns, cities, landscapes, and the all-important weather, but also with perceptive comments on history, art, architecture, literature, and campfire philosophising on life and nature and religion and those questions of existence that men have been asking for millennia. Duffy’s notes, polished for publication, fill the pages of *Two Wheels South* with honesty, humour, wonderment, and whimsy, with flights of imagination that teeter on the brink of magic realism without falling over the edge. Mostly a description of the countries and cultures of southern Europe, partly a journal of self-discovery, *Two Wheels South* is a travel book like no other.

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