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Legendary investor Jim Rogers gives us his view of the world on a twenty-two-month, fifty-two-country motorcycle odyssey in his bestselling business/adventure book, **Investment Biker**, which has already sold more than 200,000 copies.

Before you invest another dollar anywhere in the world (including the United States), read this book by the man *Time* magazine calls “the Indiana Jones of finance.”

Jim Rogers became a Wall Street legend when he co-founded the Quantum Fund. **Investment Biker** is the fascinating story of Rogers’s global motorcycle journey/investing trip, with hardheaded advice on the current state and future direction of international economies that will guide and inspire investors interested in foreign markets.

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Walter Weston says

Good book-interesting insights. I enjoying reading thi

Annie says

One of the most entertaining finance books of all time.

Jim Rogers is a former fund manager who just wants to fulfill his dream of traveling around the world -- coast to coast on each continent. His travel method of choice? Motorcycle.

His companion is Tabitha Estabrook, who -- reading between the lines -- becomes the real hero of the journey. (She's the mechanic, translator, leader, and cool head of the two. In the end, we're all #TeamTabi.) They begin their travels in 1989, a couple years out from the collapse of the Soviet Union. They drive through Soviet territory early on though, noting all the signs of revolution around them.

They also travel through a China in flux. Back then, the country was just beginning the capitalist shift that we associate with it now.

Eventually, they make it back through Europe, too, going literally ocean to ocean.

Then they plow south, traversing all of Africa, from end to end.

Finishing out their tour, Rogers and Estabrook travel the breadth of Australia, the length of South America, and straight up through war-torn Central America.

All the while, Rogers offers running commentary on the economics of the regions they travel through. As an investor, he's also on the lookout for new financial opportunities. And he buys into several markets they visit. They end the narrative in New York, their home. After almost two years, both travelers are (we think) fundamentally changed. And we, the readers, have been gleefully along for the ride.

Scott says

This book was positively agonizing. Rogers, a Rhodes Scholar and well-known, outspoken investment guru, writes with the gusto and inspiration of a 4th grader, and his emotionless rendering of his relationship with the love interest of the story is as dynamic and vivid as a stale English muffin. I got two chapters into this dreadful tome, which came highly recommended from several friends, and left it aside, unable to proceed.

Alec says

When Jim Rogers was a kid growing up in small town Alabama, he had a dream: to one day get richer than God and ride around the world on a motorcycle with a hot blonde half his age. He was a strange kid -- and, let's be honest, pretty unoriginal.* Regardless, Jim Rogers accomplished that dream and wrote an interesting, informative book about it. I'd almost call it lovely, but if "lovely" also had anti-communist connotations.

*Note: Any information about Jim Rogers' childhood thoughts is purely speculative.

In the world of film and literature, there have been countless incarnations (from The Odyssey to Motorcycle Diaries) of the "travel epic" story. Fact or fiction, the tale is familiar: the main character travels around the country/the hemisphere/the world/the universe, has adventures and evolves. What made Investment Biker so interesting and original was that it told this story from a decidedly capitalistic perspective. (It was almost like an investment banker was riding around on a bi...wait...OH!!!) For nearly every country through which he passed, Rogers would deliver economic insights into the region based on a combination of what he saw, his incredibly vast world history knowledge, and his own brand of straight-forward logic that had made him a fortune on Wall St. Beyond that, it was refreshing to read a novel of this sort that didn't once use the "life is just so much simpler there/these are the real people" brand of hack story telling common to the genre. Basically, I'm just happy a non-hippy finally decided to travel around the world and write about it. Che Guevera, eat your heart out.

Overall, I offer a belated congratulations (the trip was 20 years ago) to Jim Rogers on a job well done. Sir, you are much better at being rich than I would be.

P.S. I mentioned his 23-year-old travel companion/girlfriend (Tabitha). Who am I to judge, but there were times when I couldn't help but notice the underlying creepiness of this relationship. What would you do if your fresh-out-of-college daughter came to you and said "hey mom/dad, I think I'm going to ride a motorcycle around the world with a 46 year old, twice-divorced man." I'm guessing your response would rhyme with "truck no." Now, what about if that guy is one of the richest guys in America and a bit of a financial celebrity? Is it different? I can't decide. It's still horribly awkward when he meets the parents at least, right? Remind me not to have a daughter.

Terry Koressel says

I would not recommend the book. I like Jim Rogers as an investor. I think he has a keen insight into the World economy and the art of investing. I Google his investment views often.

This book is a travelogue, not an investment book. I was fully expecting this and I was excited. Riding more than 60,000 miles on motorcycles across some of the most remote and dangerous territories in the World seems incredible. A chance to "experience" the peoples and places not normally visited through this Jim Rogers adventure was compelling. But the book lacked in both excitement and intriguing experiences....at least for me. I never found myself totally absorbed in the story as I do for well-written books. It meandered slowly....this might be the best description of my reaction. Yes....the Investment Biker was interesting at times. I did finish the book. But I wouldn't recommend it to others.

Peter Zink says

Good, but not great book. Jim's story is a fascinating one but I think it could have been written better and highlighted more of the excitement. Like and respect Mr Rogers, but this one was a bit of a slog. Since this is an older book, it's fun to see which of Jim's predictions came true.

Frank Ullrich says

4 Stars - The book "Investment Biker" is a treasure chest for every reasonable investor and more so for everyone interested in contemporary history. His investor's view on history is refreshing; it is free of ideology, free of guilt, and free of politics. He wants to make money; thus, he cannot afford to get caught by beliefs and narratives. He gauges the reality and makes predictions based on it. His logics and thinking are unpolitical to the extent that he becomes politically incorrect.

The book becomes most interesting when he makes predictions using his sharp logic. I am in awe by the precision of his forecasts. It is incredible to see what a clear mind can achieve in this noisy world.

For me, Jim Rogers manifested himself as an authority in international investment with this book.

It is ironic however that his predictions were so off on the topic he is supposed to know most about: the United States of America. Here, I assume, his clarity was clouded by his feelings.

Esther Pierce says

I read this years ago and enjoyed it. A bit dated now but his observations on other countries are perceptive and informative. He eventually settled in Singapore to live. Says a lot.

Lauren Unreal says

4 stars. Partly global history, partly economics, partly investment tutorial and partly adventure travelogue. It is more comprehensive than deep, but certainly wove a lot of threads together. Again, a book I wish I had read in high school or freshman year in college.

Russell says

Billionaire business partner of George Soros travels the world on a motorcycle and reports his observations.

Very insightful into how economics is viewed by captains of industry. They really have no interest in a place where everything seems to be running smoothly. Those places have no where to go but down. He was much more interested in places where a reliable infrastructure was the rule of law, he felt that development was inevitable.

Jay says

In the early 90s investor Jim Rogers and his girlfriend motorcycled across the world. This book is part travelogue, part history lesson, part economics lesson, and part basic investment strategy. I knew Rogers was of a libertarian bent, but I didn't realize to what degree. As he travels from country to country and comments on the past and predicted future of each region, while musing about the failing and tragedy of statism, bureaucracy, war, and even the war on drugs.

Eugenio Gomez-acebo says

Jim Rogers, famous investor, expartner of George Soros, retired at 37 and decided to travel the world with his BWM and girlfriend. This book is a travel diary and is full of comments on the countries that he visits. Those comments are not sophisticated and follow the same framework of thinking. Rogers explains that revolutions emerge not because of oppressed people, but from people with unrealized expectations. Provides a good analysis of communism failure: no accountability, no responsibility, no incentive. Black markets as an indicator of failed monetary policies and predictors of collapse and hyperinflation. The disease of statism and government intervention on supply or prices to lead countries into poverty. The portrait of Africa is quite depressing. His views on Argentina were obviously wrong: Peronism went back and the country is still in dire straits. Some tips to be rich: have a goal, pursue it (for many years), work hard, look for opportunities (do not invest to lose).

Michael Brennan says

Really enjoyed the trip through Siberia. The many challenges. Handy to have a map to keep track of where Jim Rogers and Tabatha are travelling. This is an exceptionally long trip. After travelling to Japan, via China (across 3000mi with only 1 timezone), and then through Siberia to Poland. Then embarks on a successive trip through Africa to New Zealand, and back through S. America (have not reached that part yet, assumed that is where they go). Investment ideas integrated with text that some may find boring.

Diane says

Disappointing read. I read it a while ago and was very much looking forward to it based on Jim Rogers legendary status in the markets. However, this book, for me, really couldn't decide what its purpose was. Was it a personal account of Jim's travels? Was it investment focused? Suffice to say, because of its lack of commitment to both, it succeeded as neither. I was disappointed because I expected more from Jim Rogers' brilliance. It was a slow, long read.

Chris says

This book really covers a lot of ground, geographically, historically and from an investing standpoint. The base story itself is pretty incredible, traveling across 6 continents on a motorcycle, which no one had ever done before. The book does a good job of keeping moving with a mix of historical context, current economic activity, and personal anecdote for each country they pass through. While obviously needing to limit scope in many places, Rodgers does a very good job of highlighting the key drivers in history that have brought each country to where they are today (in the 1990's) and what is driving the current outlook for each country, which each chapter resulting in his decision to invest in the country or not. By the end of the book, you really come away with a broad understanding of the main themes in each geography of the world (i.e. varying levels of recovery from colonialism in Africa, strong socialist trends dominating South and Central America, etc.), which is impressive in a book of 300-some pages.

I would recommend this book as a pretty fascinating story that serves as part history book, part economics textbook, part Wall St. tutorial, and part adventure fantasy, all delivered in a straightforward, understated tone that makes for a very easy read.
