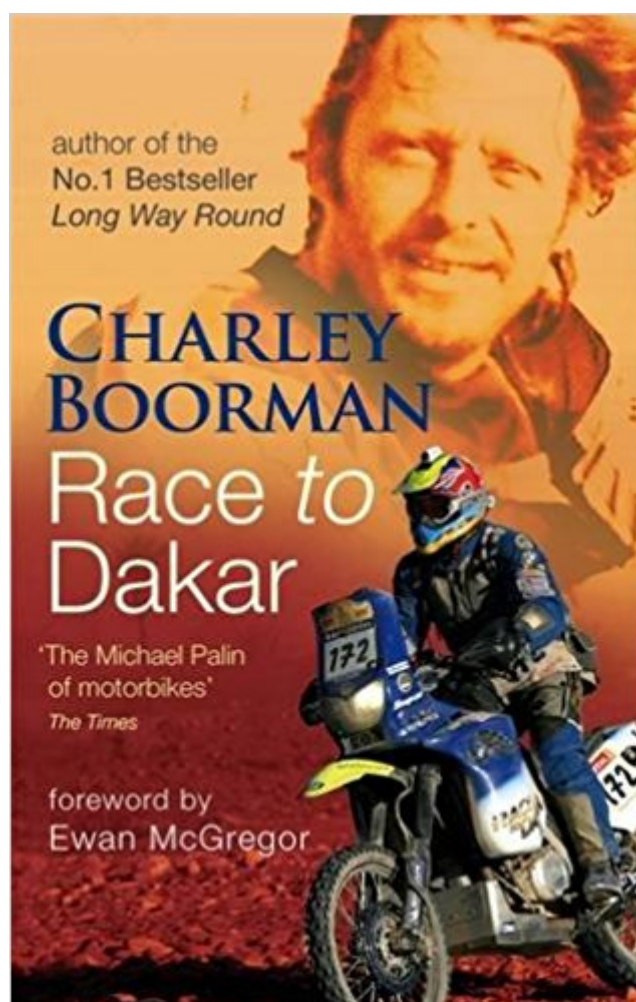


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# Race To Dakar



## Synopsis

In 2004 Charley Boorman completed his astonishing round-the-world bike trip with his friend, Ewan McGregor. The journey left him exhausted, exhilarated and hungry for a new challenge. And what greater challenge than the Dakar rally? Beginning in Lisbon and ending in the Senegalese capital of Dakar, the rally covers 15,000 kilometres of treacherous terrain, and is widely regarded as the most dangerous race on earth. With his team-mates Simon Pavey and Matt Hall, Charley faced extreme temperatures, rode through shifting sands and stinging winds, and faced breakdowns miles from civilisation. Charley recounts his extraordinary adventures through Portugal, Morocco, Western Sahara, Mauritania, Mali, Guinea and Senegal. He also follows the stories of other riders - an eccentric, dedicated band of professionals and rookies who all dream of one thing: reaching the finishing line. Race to Dakar is the thrilling account of a race that has captured the imagination of millions.

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## Customer Reviews

I must say I really enjoyed this book. The DVD was good, but the book is great. You really get the feeling you are along with the racers. IMO I have read the LWR and feel that the Race to Dakar is a better book.

Race to Dakar I first found Charley Boorman through his trip Long Way Round. I read that book and devoured the DVD TV series. And found out Charley was going to try the Dakar rally. I ended up reading Race To Dakar in one day. It was so engaging I could not put it down. I liked everything

about it. It's shown me places I'm sure I'll never see. Then I bought the Race To Dakar DVD through .Ca. And it was just as amazing as the book.

Race to Dakar is a fabulous story. Many of you probably know what the outcome was, but that actually added to the experience. The point of the Dakar is not for fame or glory, but the process. It is a story of passion, determination, and dreams.

This is a book that will hold the interest of any old time dirt bike rider---particularly those of us who have competed in cross country or enduro type racing. We have seen the Dakar race on Speed Vision over the years and we have seen the super fast factory team guys in the spotlight. Now---a chance to see the race through the eyes of the privateer--or private race teams. The book is well written---hard to put down----as we follow the effort of Boorman and his race team. The obstacles of riding the sand dunes are graphically described and the day to day logistics of the race come to life. The organization of this race stands out---nothing is left to chance and the support supplied the racers is almost beyond imagination. I wasn't all that impressed with Charles Boorman---thought he lacked the mental toughness required of the race but I commend his honesty and forthright presentation of the events involving his race team. It's a great book to curl up in front of the fireplace these cold winter days and to vicariously ride what must have been the toughest off road motorcycle race in the world. As we know--the race is no longer run in Africa---but has been moved to South America so it's doubtful that we will see "The Dakar" again anytime in the near future.

'Race to Dakar' is Charley Boorman's account of his adventures during the 2006 rally. This covers his preparations, anxieties about the race, his time during the race and the logistics of the whole event. This looks at the rally from the point of view of a privateer, rather than a factory, sponsored team, and it gives us insight into the stress and pressure of running a small team. This seemed better written than his other books and I saw inside the cover this was written in collaboration with a professional writer and I have to say it is much better for it. Don't get me wrong, Charley's other books are very good, but you are drawn into the excitement and stress from page one and I felt emotional and choked up as I read the last few pages. This has two colour plate sections with photos from the race which give some idea of what Charley experienced and after reading this I am going to buy the DVD to see it in greater detail. I am left wondering about the ethics of such a large ostentatious race held on a relatively poor continent, but if you put this to the back of your mind this book provides one view of the rally that could quite easily get you hooked! Feel free to check out my

blog which can be found on my profile page.

I love Charley and I love his other stuff. But I don't understand this book. It barely gets going when Charley breaks both of his arms and can't continue the race. They should have tried the following year and then wrote a book.

Having read "A Long way round" and "A Long way down" , this book is facinating to read and just another part of the story. Charley knows what a motorcycle rider wants to hear to makes sure you get it. If you liked either of the "Long Ways" you will love this book. I rate it above long Way Down and as good as Long Way Around. Buy it, you won't be disapointed

I bought this book for my husband after we began watching "Long Way Down" with Charley and Ewan McGregor. He thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. He owns 2 motorcycles and enjoys reading about other people's motorcycle adventures. Soft bound book but it has held up well. Pics are excellent.

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