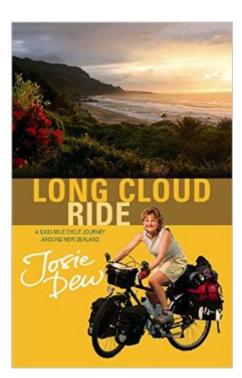
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## Long Cloud Ride: A Cycling Adventure Across New Zealand





## Synopsis

After two months on board a Russian container ship sailing 15,000 miles across the world, Josie finally arrives in New Zealand with her bike. Over the next nine months she cycles 10,000 kilometers all over North and South Islands while experiencing the wettest, windiest, and stormiest year on record. During this time Josie was spat at, shouted at, honked at, and both run off and blown off the road. She got soaked, sunburned, hailed on, and snowed on; and was alternately starved and overfed, overcharged and under-charged. Then there was the wildlife—the possums (both dead and alive); exotic birds such as moreporks (with their eerie call) and fantails (who decided to follow); the ostriches, who liked to chase English cyclists and the harriers, who liked to dive bomb them; and the more familiar but no less frustrating farm animals, who provided sheep-jams and cow-blocks to slow Josie down. Josie brings New Zealand brilliantly to life. Warm, witty, and acutely observed as ever, her latest adventure is sure to delight old and new fans alike.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Well worth buying. Try to read 'Wind in my Wheels' first though as you get a better background to the author. Josie's books are fun, jolly and easy to read.

I found this book to be rather depressing. Josie is quite negative throughout this book. She toured during some atrocious weather and this seems to have affected her view of the entire tour. Even when she is treated well by locals, she manages to find a sarcastic comment to make. She also has

an ongoing fear of some of the roads she rode. I wondered why she didn't choose routes avoiding these roads or take public transport on these sections. Instead, her dislike of the traffic on these roads distracts from the story at times. This book does not give a true indication of touring in New Zealand. If this is the reason you are buying the book, I suggest you don't.

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