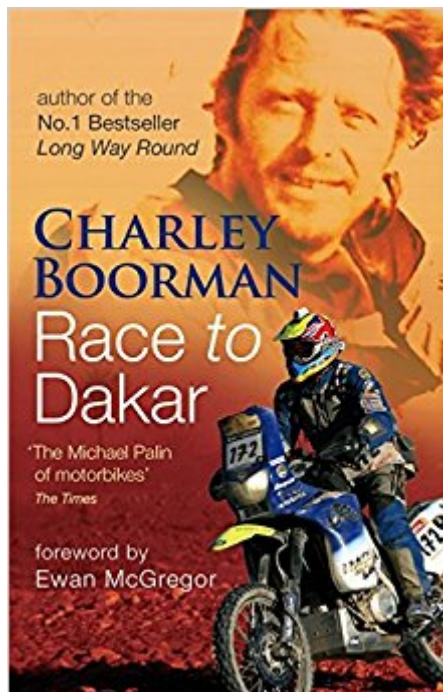


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# Race To Dakar



## 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

Boorman is well on his way to becoming the Michael Palin of motorbikes – *THE TIMES* The history of the rally and Boorman's own personal experience of this great endurance test makes for an exhilarating read – *WATERSTONE'S BOOKS QUARTERLY*

Charley Boorman was born in 1966 and grew up in Ireland. He has appeared in films including *Excalibur*, *The Emerald Forest*, *Karaoke* and *The Bunker*. From 1998 to 2002, he ran a British motorcycle team with Ewan McGregor, winning the Superstock Series with David Jeffries.

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.

Big fan of Charley Boorman and his approach to writing. He makes you feel like you're right there in the mix of it.

A great read. Feels like your riding shotgun right alongside.

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.

Race to DakarI 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. Its 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.

Fantastic read.....a must for any motorcycle fan!!

This book is a great way to experience the Dakar race. Prep, drama, grit & glory are all described in

compelling detail. Charley Boorman always proves to be an engaging storyteller. Two thumbs up!

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