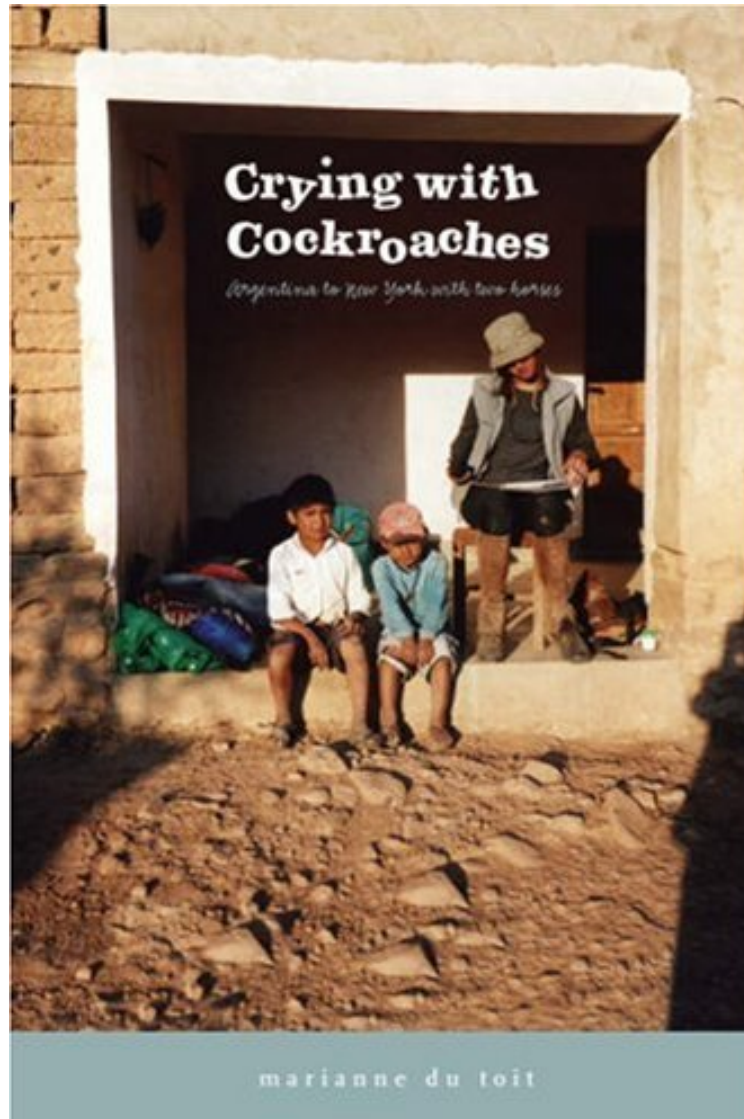


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Marianne Du Toit : Crying with Cockroaches: Argentina to New York with Two Horses before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Crying with Cockroaches: Argentina to New York with Two Horses:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. One woman's remarkable horseback journey across the AmericasBy Nancy Taylor RojoHaving been personally impacted by Marianne Du Toit on her journey, I read her book with great interest to gain day-to-day detail of her two-year adventure. She and her two horses stayed with my family for a couple

of days in North Carolina while she wrote, replaced a broken saddle, and tended to her horse's needs before making the final push towards her goal of reaching New York City after an almost two-year journey alone on horseback. What a remarkable woman to have struck out on her own, without much planning, being open to what humanity and nature gave her in experience. It is a book about forging ahead into the unknown, with open heart and mind to learn of life. For Marianne it was an exploration of self. Her nature was not to succumb to fear; but rather, look outward to the people she met along the way with trust and respect. Her writing illustrates how she coped daily with the traversing strange landscape in all weather, finding food and shelter, in Spanish-speaking countries where she did not know the language. I felt grateful to have met Marianne and read her story of the human experience. To have traveled with 2 horses as her only companions further complicated the experience because she was not only absorbed with her response to survival; but also, what was needed to care for her horses. She has a real empathy for the animals that traveled with her and formed a bond with mutual respect. Oh, that we could all make a similar journey in life. Marianne shows that it is possible. She is an inspiration for anyone who has a dream, or simply wants to be a good human.

1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Reading it for the info
By M. Murphy
This woman went on an amazing adventure and she should always be commended for that. I've been planning a long-distance trek by horse for a long time and bought this looking for pointers and inside info, which there is. Du Toit unabashedly mentions the "nuts and bolts" of planning this and then doing it. How'd she pay for it? Credit cards mostly, how she found the two animals she used and how to get them through inaccessible areas (like across the River). BUT, although she completed an awe-inspiring trek, the writing isn't brilliant. Lots of abrupt paragraph endings and clunky sentences makes it read like a sketchy abbreviated journal. Just wish she had hired someone to edit and clean it up a bit for her, it would have flowed better. The descriptions she gives of the Plano in Bolivia, her run-ins with isolated villagers who occasionally weren't friendly, numerous randy drunks and friendly border cops are all apt. You do feel like you are actually there.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Adventure and Courage
By Fan
Fascinating tale of a woman who not only travels alone in Latin America and the U.S. but has two horses as travel companions. I enjoyed reading about her adventures, fears, triumphs, and descriptions of the countries and people who helped her along the way.

Launched by the Irish Prime Minister, Bertie Ahern, this is an extraordinary travel/adventure tale. An undertaking against the odds. A journey considered by many as madness. Yet, South African born and ABC Person of the Week Marianne Du Toit was determined to follow her dream - adamant that with only two horses for company, she should explore the Americas, travelling from Argentina to New York City over 21 months. Limited equestrian experience, only one contact and an unknown continent, she persevered. Despite it being a journey of heartbreak, frustration, bureaucracy, loneliness, danger, and hunger, nothing stopped her from following her heart. Heart-warming encounters with local people combined with many hair-raising and dangerous moments make this book a page-turner. It's a simple tale, which explores the complexities of the human and equine spirit and indeed the marriage of the two. Both are pushed to the limits on this revealing epic journey, with very happy and very sad consequences. Courageous yet fragile, worried yet full of conviction, amongst people yet often lonely, carefree yet feeling unsafe - these are the themes which form part of the writer's physical and psychological journey into the unknown. Her adventures had a powerful message - you can overcome the impossible if you are determined and positive. Humour and a 'taking everyday as it comes' attitude helped a great deal too. Her story, told with sincerity and warmth, is bound to capture the readers' imagination. It is a story to be enjoyed by the young or old, fellow adventurers or those who simply prefer to explore the world from the comforts of their armchairs. More than 100 coloured pictures complete this unique story.

About the Author
Marianne Du Toit is a South African woman who has been living in Ireland since 1996. Following graduation in 1992 with a BA degree, majoring in political science and psychology from Stellenbosch University, South Africa, Marianne travelled and worked extensively throughout Europe for three years. In 1995, she single-handedly planned and embarked on a three month cycling tour of Europe. In 2002 The TATA (Travels across the Americas) Challenge was conceived. It was an epic journey, which involved Marianne travelling solo with two horses from Argentina to New York over a 21 month period. *Crying with Cockroaches*, an account of this extraordinary adventure is her first book. As the idea for her adventure evolved, Marianne realised that it could also help others and chose to use it to highlight the lack of therapeutic riding facilities in Ireland. She is currently a director of Pegasus, a therapeutic riding centre in Sligo. Marianne campaigns for animal rights by supporting the DSPCA and other welfare organisations. She is particularly interested in drawing attention to the cruelty involved in the production of foie gras where ducks and geese are force-fed (by the insertion of metal pipes in their throats) over a twenty one day period. She also supports the movement to ban fur farming in Ireland and seal hunting in Canada.