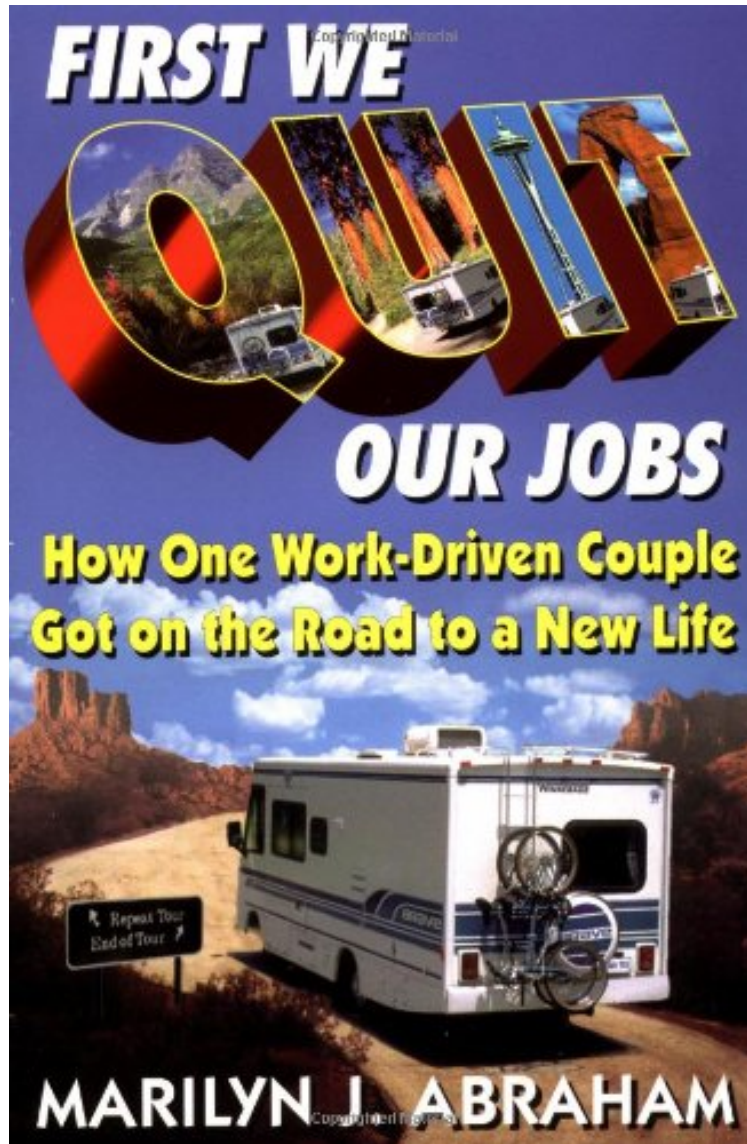


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What happens when two executives leave their jobs, friends, and the city behind to hit the road in a twenty-seven foot RV? America the beautiful becomes a place of sights, foods, people, memories, and a little wisdom. After fifty-two combined years in the corporate fast lane, Marilyn Abraham and her husband, Sandy MacGregor, embarked on an adventure that every work-driven professional dreams about but hardly ever has the courage to realize. They quit their jobs and hit the road in order to retrain themselves in the art of living. For almost a year, the couple traveled nearly 20,000 miles to thirty-one states, including Washington, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, Tennessee, and through seven Canadian provinces to Alaska, in the hulking RV they named Sue. More than just a travelogue, *First We Quit Our Jobs* is the story of recreating one's life and discovering what is real, what is true, and what is important. Filled with visions of Americana, this personal and touching memoir traces the author's search for meaning in this modern day.

.com Just a few months shy of his 20th anniversary at RCA, Sandy MacGregor got his pink slip. Once the shock wore off, he and his wife, Marilyn J. Abraham, then a vice president and editor at Simon Schuster, did what any rational couple with more than fifty-two combined years on the corporate fast track would do: they traded in the boardroom for the open road and embarked on a four-month trek across America. *First We Quit Our Jobs* is Abraham's account of their odyssey. Granted, a Winnebago was not their first choice when the bad news came, but after an attempt to buy a small publishing company in New England fell through, MacGregor and Abraham packed their bags and went in search of their destiny. Part travelogue, part meditation, and part guide to "the road not taken," *First We Quit Our Jobs* is a charmingly written chronicle of discovery. As MacGregor and Abrahams began to depart from the way they'd always assumed their lives would go, they found the freedom to shape the way they'd like their lives to be. From Library Journal Abraham and her husband, Sandy, quit their New York City publishing jobs, rented a 30-foot recreational vehicle nicknamed "the Sue," and headed across the continent to Alaska and back on a four-month journey to rethink their lives. Along the way, they stopped in Edmonton (Canada), Fairbanks, Seattle, Santa Fe, and Memphis, as well as a host of scenic parks, campsites, and hot tubs. Despite warnings from friends and family, they found life on the road wonderfully successful. Lacking the humor and gentle exaggeration of Peter Mayle's *A Year in Provence* (LJ 4/1/90) and Bill Bryson's *Notes from a Small Island* (LJ 4/1/96), Abraham's work is marred by its uninspired description of insignificant events and people who appear two-dimensional, including Sandy. However, the narrative comes to life in Abraham's touching but brief reminiscences of her childhood (learning to cook after her mother's death, a visit to an Orthodox synagogue). For public libraries. ?Linda M. Kaufmann, North Adams State Coll., Mass. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Abraham and her husband, Sandy MacGregor, were overworked, short-tempered, stressed-out baby boomers with 52 years of combined experience in business and publishing when they decided it was time for a "life review." They purchased an RV, quit their jobs, turned their backs on a New York lifestyle they had neither time nor energy to enjoy, and began an overland odyssey to Alaska as self-styled "middle-aged easy riders." Although Abraham's travel memoir documents the usual parade of eccentric characters and dazzling vistas, the journey it most honestly documents is the one into the heart of its author. She explains how she and her husband voluntarily revised their priorities in an attempt to save their lives by changing them. They decided to "be" rather than merely "do" and accepted the Thoreauvian philosophy that real living has nothing to do with work or money. The couple emerged from their trek as open-minded, flexible, happy, lucky people willing to face the third quarter of their lives as trail-blazing "conquistadors." Patricia Hassler