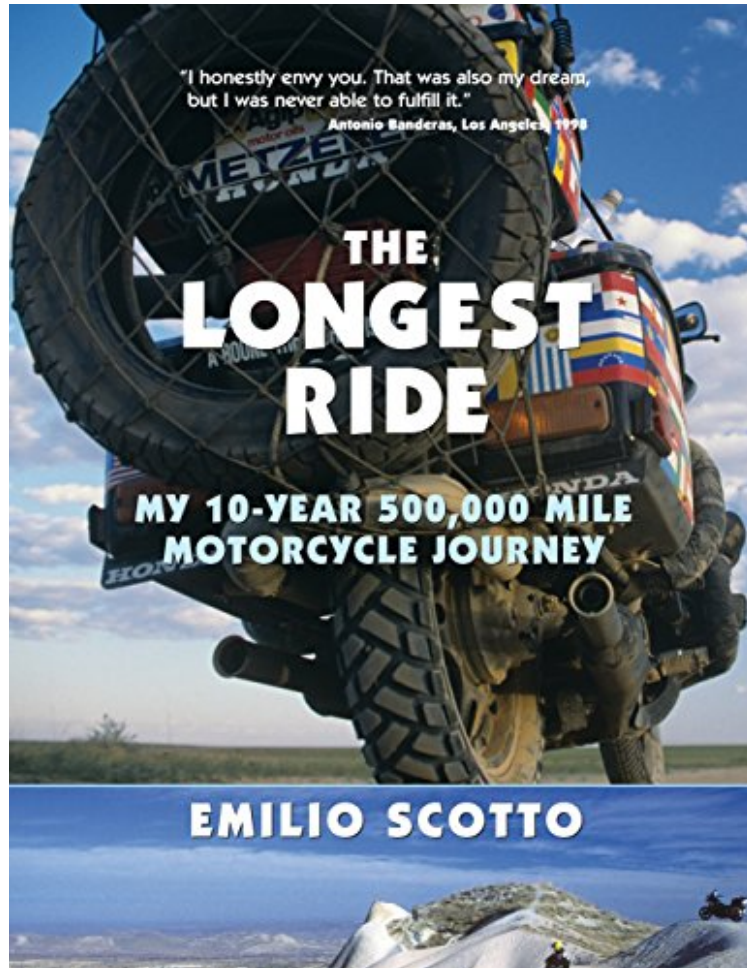


# The Longest Ride: My Ten-Year 500,000 Mile Motorcycle Journey

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**Emilio Scotto : The Longest Ride: My Ten-Year 500,000 Mile Motorcycle Journey** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Longest Ride: My Ten-Year 500,000 Mile Motorcycle Journey:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Extraordinary book for those of us who love traveling on two wheels  
By Elias Gonzalez Rogel The book is amazing and the stories are compelling. It is written with a vivid and colorful language. My only complain would be that the end was disappointing (very...). Not because it was dull or boring but because it was totally anti-climatic. It was like if someone had told Emilio to stop writing because the book was due for printing in that very same moment. Otherwise, I would say it is inspiring...  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The endless motorbike ride  
By Monica I wanted to find out what this ride was all about as I have just finished riding 50,000km through 30 countries myself. I am a different Monica from his dearly beloved,

riding my own bike. Some of it I thought was unbelievable but what comes through is Emilio Scotto's amazing persistence no matter what obstacles he said he faced. It was interesting using the big coffee book format and I saw it as a way to present this huge 10 year trip that could have become many volumes and as endless as the trip itself. How would you write up such adventures and keep the reader with you I think got tackled well using this format. In particular the first part was very good but dissolved into using the photos to carry it through in the end. Did Emilio run out of steam or was it too big a job to get 10 years of motorcycling down and all on the most unsuitable bike for off-road riding?. I really enjoyed what he wrote about Africa as we too went to West Africa and not many motorcyclists go that way. As well I note Emilio did not get to Timbuktu (Tombouctou) which was a highlight for me though he was in a tough part of the Sahara. Overall this book was easy to engage with but left me wondering how he really managed with so little money and at the mercy of random sponsors and charity. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting for any touring rider By Fan Very interesting tales based on journals (so it's not evenly written--in some instances a lot of detail, in others just sketchy).

For his eighth birthday, Emilio Scotto received a World Atlas. Promptly he announced his plan to make a route that would pass through all the countries of the world, a route he named BLUE ROAD ONE. When, some years later, he found himself astride a black 1100 Honda Gold Wing motorcycle, Blue Road One beckoned, and Scotto set off on a journey that would last more than a decade, take him virtually everywhere in the world, and land him in the Guinness Book of World Records. This is his story, a thrill ride that begins in his native Argentina, crosses Panama in the tumultuous time of Noriega, Mexico in the midst of an earthquake, and finds him broke in L.A. where, in a chance meeting, Muhammad Ali gives him fifty dollars and a signed book. Breaching the Iron Curtain, crossing the Berlin Wall at Checkpoint Charlie, being blessed by the Pope, set upon by cannibals in Sierra Leone, fleeing Somalia on a freighter, Scotto's adventures would be unbelievable if they weren't true. His tale of touring the world from Tunisia to Turkey, Petra to Afghanistan, Yugoslavia to Singapore, traveling miles enough to take him to the moon and back, is unlike any ever told. Come along, for the ride of a lifetime.