

The Long Haul A Truckers Tales Of Life On The Road

www.truckingtruth.com Trucking schools can teach you to drive, but nobody's there to teach you everything else. This book is a no-holds-barred, call 'em as I see 'em account of what I went through when I decided to become a truck driver. I hope to shed some light on what the trucking industry is REALLY like, with no hidden agendas and no regrets. I have absolutely loved my years on the road. The experiences, the friends, the money, the challenges, and the freedom. "There are so many things to know if you want to be successful on the road and they take years to learn. I'm talking about things they don't teach in truck driving schools and things companies don't talk about..at least not honestly. There are "grey areas" and "unwritten rules" in the trucking industry that have a major impact on your life and your career - and only time on the road will reveal the realities of becoming a truck driver....." - Brett Aquila, Author - "Becoming A Truck Driver: The Raw Truth About Trucking"

Long hours, low wages, and unsafe workplaces characterized sweatshops a hundred years ago. These same conditions plague American trucking today. Sweatshops on Wheels: Winners and Losers in Trucking Deregulation exposes the dark side of government deregulation in America's interstate trucking

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industry. In the years since deregulation in 1980, median earnings have dropped 30% and most long-haul truckers earn less than half of pre-regulation wages. Work weeks average more than sixty hours. Today, America's long-haul truckers are working harder and earning less than at any time during the last four decades. Written by a former long-haul trucker who now teaches industrial relations at Wayne State University, *Sweatshops on Wheels* raises crucial questions about the legacy of trucking deregulation in America and casts provocative new light on the issue of government deregulation in general. Starting in the 1950s, Americans eagerly built the planet's largest public work: the 42,795-mile National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. Before the concrete was dry on the new roads, however, a specter began haunting them—the highway killer. He went by many names: the “Hitcher,” the “Freeway Killer,” the “Killer on the Road,” the “I-5 Strangler,” and the “Beltway Sniper.” Some of these criminals were imagined, but many were real. The nation's murder rate shot up as its expressways were built. America became more violent and more mobile at the same time. *Killer on the Road* tells the entwined stories of America's highways and its highway killers. There's the hot-rodding juvenile delinquent who led the National Guard on a multistate manhunt; the wannabe highway patrolman who murdered hitchhiking coeds; the record promoter who

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preyed on “ghetto kids” in a city reshaped by freeways; the nondescript married man who stalked the interstates seeking women with car trouble; and the trucker who delivered death with his cargo. Thudding away behind these grisly crime sprees is the story of the interstates—how they were sold, how they were built, how they reshaped the nation, and how we came to equate them with violence. Through the stories of highway killers, we see how the “killer on the road,” like the train robber, the gangster, and the mobster, entered the cast of American outlaws, and how the freeway—conceived as a road to utopia—came to be feared as a highway to hell.

Eighteen wheels, four rough hands, and two big...stick-shifts. These two hard-driving, filthy-talking truckers are ready to ride all night. And one sassy sorority girl is about to find out they've got more than just a big rig for her to ride... The two of us? We've seen our share of hell. But after we left the Marines, all we wanted was our big rig truck, our own rules, and the freedom of the open road. But when we see her - a pretty little thing in daisy dukes and cowgirl boots at the roughest truck stop around, there ain't no way we're not stepping in when trouble comes knocking. Blonde, blue-eyed, and oozing innocence and temptation. Sierra McCree comes crashing into our world with trouble on her heels. She's more than we ever bargained for - and more than we ever thought two roughnecks like us

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would ever find. And once we've got the teasing little sorority girl on our rig, she's gonna be in it for the long haul. Two big hard men like us should stay away from a flirty little tease like Sierra. Especially with the truck full of contraband we're hauling for some very not nice people. But one teasing glimpse of her soft curves, and one taste of that bratty mouth, and we're both addicted - obsessed, and driven to make her ours. Cause the two of us? Well we share everything. Including her. And out here? Well, it ain't just the road that's long and hard... Let's be blunt: if two rough, wild, completely over-the-top growly alpha heroes stopping at nothing to claim their heroine isn't your cup of tea, you probably want to give this book a pass. But if it is your thing?....well then, you're in for a treat ;). Buckle up, get those motors running, and get ready for one wild ride. This mfm romance is all about her - no m/m. As with all my books, this standalone novella is safe, with no cheating, and a HEA guaranteed.

Get an inside peek into the trucking industry from someone who has driven all kinds of trucks for twenty years. Find answers to all those trucker questions you've always had. Learn the do's and don'ts of the trade. Get informed and entertained all at the same time. Written in an informal, free-flowing style, Trucker Paradise is easy to read and will keep you engaged till the very last page. An absolute must read for anyone contemplating a career in the trucking business or

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for anyone interested in lifting the veil off of this little-understood industry. Almost Ice Road Truckers, except for the tulip bulbs... "So here's the plan. I'm going to train to drive a truck and go long-haul. I can get paid and maybe write a book at the same time. What do you reckon?" "Go for it Mum, how bad can it be?" This is the tale of what happens when a middle-aged mum from England decides to actually drive 18-wheelers across North America instead of just dreaming about it. From early training (when it becomes apparent that negotiating 18 wheels and 13 gears involves slightly more than just learning how to climb in) this rookie overcomes self-doubt, infuriating companions and inconsiderate weather to become a real trucker. She learns how to hit a moose correctly and how to be hijacked. She is almost arrested in Baltimore Docks and survives a terrifying winter tour of The Rockies. Nothing goes well, but that's why there's a book. Trucking in English began as a blog from the cab and became a popular podcast before taking book form. It is part of Carolyn's 'Armchair Emigration' series.

America's favorite investigative reporter, John Stossel, tackles our favorite myths in his characteristic style and challenges us to look at life differently. Myths and Misconceptions covered in the book include: Is the media unbiased? Are our schools helping or hurting our kids? Do singles have a better sex life than

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married people? Do we have less free time than we used to? Is outsourcing bad for American workers? Suburban sprawl is ruining America. Money makes people happier. The world is too crowded. We're drowning in garbage. Profiteering is evil. Sweatshops exploit people. John Stossel takes on these and many more misconceptions, misunderstandings, and plain old stupidity in this collection that will offer much to love for Give Me a Break fans, and show everyone why conventional wisdom, economic, political, or social is often wrong. This awesome Retro Distressed I'm A Proud Trucker's Wife And I'm In It For The Long Haul Monthly Planner has 120-6x9 lined pages that people will be jealous of, perfect gift for anyone that loves the smell of diesel and anyone that loves trucks, perfect diesel trucker Monthly Planner to express your individuality and personality, great Monthly Planner for every lover Diesel Trucks Turbos and rolling smoke, Monthly Planner gift for For Diesel Truck Drivers, Semi Truckers, Big Rig Mechanics, perfect gift for Truck Driver, Dump Truck Driver, Fuel Truck Driver, Long Haul Truck Driver, funny trucker driver Planner makes a hilarious statement. Great truck driver humor gift for Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, anniversary gift, Mother's Day, Father's Day, This book examines the significance of Christianity and constructions of masculinity in the lives of long-haul drivers and how truckers work to construct narratives of their lives as "good,

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moral" individuals. Using qualitative research, the narratives of evangelical truckers and their navigation of modern masculinity, work and family obligations, and identity are explored. Long-haul trucking is linked to almost every industry in America, yet somehow the working-class drivers behind big rigs remain largely hidden from public view. Gritty, inspiring, and often devastating oral histories of gay, transsexual, and minority truck drivers allow award-winning author Anne Balay to shed new light on the harsh realities of truckers' lives behind the wheel. A licensed commercial truck driver herself, Balay discovers that, for people routinely subjected to prejudice, hatred, and violence in their hometowns and in the job market, trucking can provide an opportunity for safety, welcome isolation, and a chance to be themselves--even as the low-wage work is fraught with tightening regulations, constant surveillance, danger, and exploitation. The narratives of minority and queer truckers underscore the working-class struggle to earn a living while preserving one's safety, dignity, and selfhood. Through the voices of drivers from marginalized communities who spend eleven- to fourteen-hour days hauling America's commodities in treacherous weather and across mountain passes, *Semi Queer* reveals the stark differences between the trucking industry's crushing labor practices and the perseverance of its most at-risk workers.

In the early days, many trucking companies started out with one truck or even some horses, and a few tough folks kept hauling through the Great Depression and WWII. As roads improved, many of these companies became large operations with ample semi-trucks, trailers and places to haul. This book is a concise history of the pioneers in trucking and how they grew their truck empires. From the east coast to the west coast, most of the companies started out very small regionally and with acquisitions and mergers became the big names in trucking

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hauling all over America. Each company includes a history, maps of their truck lines and a photo or more of their fleet or rigs they used at an epochal point in their history. Ron Adams has been collecting truck literature and photographing trucks for over 40 years and has a vast knowledge of the trucking industry and has made a name for himself in truck books.

This book discusses the latest advances in research and development, design, operation and analysis of transportation systems and their complementary infrastructures. It reports on both theories and case studies on road and rail, aviation and maritime transportation. Further, it covers a wealth of topics, from accident analysis, vehicle intelligent control, and human-error and safety issues to next-generation transportation systems, model-based design methods, simulation and training techniques, and many more. A special emphasis is placed on smart technologies and automation in transport, and on the user-centered, ergonomic and sustainable design of transport systems. The book, which is based on the AHFE 2018 International Conference on Human Factors in Transportation, held in Orlando, Florida, USA on July 21–25, 2018, mainly addresses the needs of transportation system designers, industrial designers, human–computer interaction researchers, civil and control engineers, as well as vehicle system engineers. Moreover, it represents a timely source of information for transportation policy-makers and social scientists whose work involves traffic safety, management, and sustainability issues in transport.

A must for all ERF fans, this is the third and final installment in The Lorries of Arabia series. While the first book paid tribute to ERF's world-class long-haulers in the Middle East and those who drove them and the second book went on to explore the fortunes of this legendary machine, this final volume is a continued narration of an unfolding history in the 1970s and

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1980s of a premium tractive unit model. With new findings, new details, new insights, and new pictures, readers of the first two books will surely enjoy the final volume of this acclaimed series. Containing a full register of all the 91 NGCs known to have ever been built, this is the enthusiast's guide to the rugged, reliable, left-hand drive tractive unit forever associated with long-haul European and Middle Eastern routes of the 70s and 80s.

Claiming he'd been sent by God to confess, truck driver Wayne Adam Ford walked into the Humbolt County Sheriff's Office and admitted to them that he was a serial killer. After police found a gruesome piece of evidence in Ford's pocket, he told them that he had to be stopped before he killed again, before he murdered his ex-wife, and made his beloved three-year-old son an orphan. Authorities arrested the long-haul trucker and listened in horror to his startling confession... Ford was a long-distance trucker who had traveled fourteen western states.

Prowling the highways in his big rig tractor-trailer, he picked up young, vulnerable women and then raped, killed, and dismembered them. He scattered some of their bodies in waterways along the road. He kept parts of others for over a year in the freezer of his trailer home. Learn the shocking truth in *Shadows of Evil*--a chilling account of madness, depravity, and murder...

A collection of essays chronicle the author's experiences during the five years he and his wife were in the Middle East.

"There's nothing semi about Finn Murphy's trucking tales of *The Long Haul*."—Sloane Crosley, *Vanity Fair* More than thirty years ago, Finn Murphy dropped out of college to become a long-haul trucker. Since then he's covered more than a million miles as a mover, packing, loading, hauling people's belongings all over America. In *The Long Haul*, Murphy recounts with wit, candor, and charm the America he has seen change over the decades and the

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poignant, funny, and often haunting stories of the people he encounters on the job. McPhee, in prose distinguished by its warm humor, keen insight, and rich sense of human character, looks at the people who drive trucks, captain ships, pilot towboats, drive coal trains, and carry lobsters through the air: people who work in freight transportation.

The highest-rated reality show ever to hit History Television, *Ice Road Truckers* follows the heart-pounding adventures of the tough-as-nails truckers who risk peril every day to deliver goods and supplies in Alaska and across Canada's frozen north. Alex Debogorski shares tales of his adventures, and misadventures, in the north, and explains, in his own entertaining voice, how he got to where he is today—a working-class hero, bona fide celebrity, and the improbable star of a smash-hit television show. Debogorski is a natural storyteller who knows how to spin tales about his colourful life growing up in the backwoods. Whether he's recounting tales about his hair-raising confrontations with bears, calculating the strength of newly formed ice, divulging the secrets of providing security in a barroom full of combative, drunken miners, or saving the life of another trucker, he keeps readers wanting more. *King of the Road* gives fans of *Ice Road Truckers* a deep look inside the life and times of the show's biggest rising star. A model prisoner at the Mexicali Penal Institution for Women, Libertad Gonzlez

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leads the weekly Library Club, reading aloud from whatever books she can find, in the process revealing the story of her father, a ex-literature professor and fugitive from the Mexican government, his new life as a long haul trucker in the U.S., and and his relationship with his daughter on the road. Original. 50,000 first printing.

Trucking Country is a social history of long-haul trucking that explores the contentious politics of free-market capitalism in post-World War II America. Shane Hamilton paints an eye-opening portrait of the rural highways of the American heartland, and in doing so explains why working-class populist voters are drawn to conservative politicians who seemingly don't represent their financial interests. Hamilton challenges the popular notion of "red state" conservatism as a devil's bargain between culturally conservative rural workers and economically conservative demagogues in the Republican Party. The roots of rural conservatism, Hamilton demonstrates, took hold long before the culture wars and free-market fanaticism of the 1990s. As Hamilton shows, truckers helped build an economic order that brought low-priced consumer goods to a greater number of Americans. They piloted the big rigs that linked America's factory farms and agribusiness food processors to suburban supermarkets across the country. Trucking Country is the gripping account of truckers whose

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support of post-New Deal free enterprise was so virulent that it sparked violent highway blockades in the 1970s. It's the story of "bandit" drivers who inspired country songwriters and Hollywood filmmakers to celebrate the "last American cowboy," and of ordinary blue-collar workers who helped make possible the deregulatory policies of Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan and set the stage for Wal-Mart to become America's most powerful corporation in today's low-price, low-wage economy. Some images inside the book are unavailable due to digital copyright restrictions.

From Yale-educated truck driver and fitness guru Sipiwe Baleka, a revolutionary metabolism-spiking program for anyone who feels they don't have enough time, equipment, or money to get in shape and lose those extra pounds. When Sipiwe Baleka, who had once been a NCAA Division I athlete, began truck driving in 2008, his whole lifestyle changed. Within weeks his metabolism slowed drastically and he gained ten percent of his body weight. He knew he needed to take back control of his health and wellbeing and change the sedentary lifestyle of truck driving—one of the country's least healthy industries. Now, Baleka, founder of Fitness Trucking and full-time fitness coach for Prime Inc., one of the nation's largest trucking companies—and now one of the healthiest—helps thousands of Prime's long-haul truck drivers, who have also struggled with

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weight and health problems, with his 13-week nutrition and exercise plan. Combining step-by-step workouts and advice on healthy eating (even on the go), 4-Minute Fit is a flexible, yet powerful plan that is proven to boost your metabolism, provide results, and help you get rid of those extra pounds and reach your weight loss goals. Baleka's program is geared not only for those who drive eighteen-wheelers, but also for anyone who travels for work, has a job that involves a lot of sitting, or doesn't think they have enough time to exercise and eat better. If you're frustrated by the weight gain that comes from not being active enough due to your job or lifestyle, 4-Minute Fit is the simple new guide that can radically change your life.

There are approximately 4,000 fatalities in crashes involving trucks and buses in the United States each year. Though estimates are wide-ranging, possibly 10 to 20 percent of these crashes might have involved fatigued drivers. The stresses associated with their particular jobs (irregular schedules, etc.) and the lifestyle that many truck and bus drivers lead, puts them at substantial risk for insufficient sleep and for developing short- and long-term health problems. Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Fatigue, Long-Term Health and Highway Safety assesses the state of knowledge about the relationship of such factors as hours of driving, hours on duty, and periods of rest to the fatigue experienced by truck and bus

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drivers while driving and the implications for the safe operation of their vehicles. This report evaluates the relationship of these factors to drivers' health over the longer term, and identifies improvements in data and research methods that can lead to better understanding in both areas.

Long-haul trucks have been described as sweatshops on wheels. The typical long-haul trucker works the equivalent of two full-time jobs, often for little more than minimum wage. But it wasn't always this way. Trucking used to be one of the best working-class jobs in the United States. The Big Rig explains how this massive degradation in the quality of work has occurred, and how companies achieve a compliant and dedicated workforce despite it. Drawing on more than 100 in-depth interviews and years of extensive observation, including six months training and working as a long-haul trucker, Viscelli explains in detail how labor is recruited, trained, and used in the industry. He then shows how inexperienced workers are convinced to lease a truck and to work as independent contractors. He explains how deregulation and collective action by employers transformed trucking's labor markets--once dominated by the largest and most powerful union in US history--into an important example of the costs of contemporary labor markets for workers and the general public.

WHAT YOU DIDN'T LEARN IN TRUCKING SCHOOL is a refreshingly frank and

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delightful pocket guide that offers practical advice and etiquette tips for truck drivers. Being a truck driver is not easy. Truckers' challenges include working long hours, being hundreds of miles from home and constantly trying to avoid or prevent hazards on the roadway. The biggest complaint truck drivers have? Other truck drivers! Especially the ones with toilet habits you wouldn't tolerate from kindergartners. Janet Walker shares with readers the opinions, gripes and peevs she has collected from drivers during her 12 years in the trucking industry. To help remedy these problems, she offers solutions that, if implemented, can help make the trucking lifestyle more enjoyable and more respectful for the men and women who are the heroes of our country's highways. This little book of etiquette is a valuable guide for anyone who wants to be a truck driver in America-and who wants to know which habits to avoid as they travel the road to truck-driving success.

Grandpa is a famous trucker, eager to share life lessons from the road with children who love trucks.

Spirit of the Road: The Life of an American Trucker...and his cat embarks on a one-year journey across the United States in an eighteen-wheeler. It runs the gambit from a wide-eyed rookie in Commercial Driving school to the eventual embracing of a new lifestyle at a dusty little truck stop in Crab Orchard, Tennessee. Having made the transition to trucking after spending 20 years in television broadcasting, the author sets a comical tone from the very first

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chapter in a “fish-out-of-water” story. However, the dangers and challenges of life in a big truck are very real, and the book takes on a more somber tone to describe this aspect of road life. The reader is also introduced to little-known, funny, or unusual historical facts about some of the places visited while they are along for the ride. The objective of this book is to give the reader an entertaining, yet candid, picture of the life of a long haul trucker with a little slice of Americana on the side. This book always keeps the reader in mind, and strives to both inform and entertain. Another unique feature is the inclusion of a traveling cat in the story. The comical and, sometimes, poignant adventures of “Kitty” are interwoven throughout the book and promises to hold appeal for pet lovers. The trucking lifestyle has been depicted in various television series and movies and, as with any job that holds a degree of adventure and danger, it sparks the interest of the general public. The life of the American trucker still holds a bit of the rugged explorer's lifestyle. The trucker is usually far from home and uncertain what lies around the next bend. Curiosity about the unknown is an attractive feature to the general reader. Spirit of the Road: The Life of an American Trucker is a book that touches into a cornerstone of a lifestyle that few people know about, but that hides a passionate group that bears further study, namely, truck drivers.

More than thirty years ago, Finn Murphy dropped out of college to become a long-haul trucker. Since then he's covered more than a million miles as a mover, packing, loading, hauling people's belongings all over America. In The Long Haul, Murphy recounts with wit, candor, and charm the America he has seen change over the decades and the poignant, funny, and often haunting stories of the people he encounters on the job.

Illustrations and simple, rhyming text reveal many different--and sometimes silly--items that

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trucks can haul.

The Unbelievable True Story of a Vietnamese Refugee Who Not Only Made the United States Her Home, But Learned the True Value of Hope, Love, and Religion Along the Way The soles of Nhi Aronheim's feet still bear the scars of her escape from Vietnam—trudging through the jungles of Cambodia as a twelve-year-old with a group of strangers seeking the land of opportunity: America. Her quest for survival through the Cambodian jungle eventually led her to a boat that took her to Thailand and an orphanage where Nhi lived for two years until she qualified for refugee status in the United States. Years later, she returned to Vietnam with a film producer to reunite with the family she never thought she'd see again. A second trip to Vietnam brought her two mothers, birth and adopted, face to face. Yet Soles of a Survivor isn't just another inspirational survival story. It's about the lessons Nhi learned about humanity, diversity, and unconditional love since arriving in the United States. She now has a deeper appreciation for the parallels between the Jewish and Vietnamese cultures, and others. After she met her Jewish beau, they got married. She eventually converted to Judaism, though the process was challenging for an Asian woman adopted into a Christian household. Her story shows it matters less what religion we're part of, as long as we radiate goodness to those we meet. Now she relishes being a Vietnamese Jew. Having come full circle from prosperity to poverty and back, Nhi hopes to encourage others to believe that in spite of overwhelming odds, all things are possible if one has an intense desire, focused energy, and the audacity to grasp presented opportunities.

Wit, wisdom, and revelations from sixty years of life on the road. Driving one highway after another at sunrise, winding through the mountainside, hearing the call to rise of the roosters, or

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simply exchanging “fishing stories” with the other guys at the truck stops. Like that one about the trucker who stopped along the highway and helped a little old lady who had a flat tire. By the time the trucker had told his tale a dozen times, the simple tire change story turned into one where an old lady was accompanied by her gorgeous, blond, and twenty-one-year-old granddaughter—you know how that ends. Imagine the story traded from one driver to the next. Each time, a more outrageous yarn is spun. They say that only truck drivers experience the true grandeur and landscape of America. In *A Trucker’s Tale*, Ed Miller gives an inside look at the allure of the work and the colorful characters who haul our goods on the open road. He shares what it was like to grow up in a trucking family, his experience as an equipment officer in Vietnam, and the trials and tribulations of life as a trucker. His tales are often funny, sometimes sad, cringeworthy, or unbelievable. Many are the results of what he calls, “just plain stupidity.” Together they paint a compelling portrait of a vibrant but little-known industry, and reveal why he just kept on truckin’.

Climb aboard Big Blue and ride along with veteran trucker, Long-Haul Larry as he tells tales of his journeys across America's heartland. Share in the humor and struggle of driving a truck for the first time and teaching others to do the same. Experience nail-biting tension while trucking through ice and wind. Learn how to train a cat and how not to train your wife. Find out what to wear when the shooting starts and discover the fastest way to get a Thanksgiving turkey. Know how NOT to meet your maker and what it's like to walk a stranger to the hereafter. Larry's stories will move, entertain, and impress you in ways you never imagined as you experience life as an American trucker. Publisher Note: *Truckerology* is a clean and wholesome read appropriate for readers of all ages. This book is a series of short-stories sure to warm the heart

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and tickle the funny-bone. About The Author Veteran trucker, Long-Haul Larry hails from the eastern lowlands of Wisconsin, north of Milwaukee, but can be found anywhere along America's vast highways piloting Big Blue along with Chicken Johnny. Larry firmly believes, "If you're gonna drive 'em, you better be able to fix 'em." Using his natural mechanical aptitude and experience as a truck mechanic, he keeps Big Blue "running the miles" and their deliveries on time. Join Larry and Chicken Johnny in their daily adventures on the Long-Haul Larry YouTube Channel at <https://bit.ly/LongHaulLarry>. What's up with the chicken, you ask? You'll have to look for Chicken Johnny on Larry's YouTube channel to find out. Special thanks to John Vollrath with JBG Travels for the Introduction.

In his fresh, insightful essay, Bryan Di Salvatore describes the trucker's view of the world: "You step into a car; you scale a truck. A cab floor is four feet above ground level; you climb on metal running boards, and hoist yourself with the help of any number of chrome handles into the seat. . . .The familiar swath of pavement seen from a sedan becomes, from a truck cab, a dark beam, narrow as a monorail.

Best known for his screenplays for three classic film noirs: Jules Dassin's *Thieves' Highway*, Nicholas Ray's *On Dangerous Ground* and Robert Aldrich's *Kiss Me Deadly*, A.I. Bezzerides's first novel, originally published in 1938, is a fast-paced, hardboiled story about the hard world of independent truckers. It was made into the Raoul Walsh film *They Drive By Night*, starring Humphrey Bogart and George Raft, in 1940. Struggling trucker brothers Nick and Paul Benay-hauling their produce loads between Los Angeles and San Francisco-are driving day and night, fighting fatigue and the fear of falling asleep at the wheel with endless doses of black coffee and facing the dangers of the California highway. "Whether writing screenplays or novels,

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'Buzz' Bezzerrides was instrumental in defining 'noir'. His in-depth studies of what drives the good, the bad and the ugly, helped articulate the past as much as it informs the present. Read his novels, see his films." WOODY HAUT, author of Heartbreak and Vine: The Fate of Hardboiled Writers in Hollywood

From the author of The Trickster, an unnerving tale of latterday alchemy and the horrors brooding beneath the placid surface of life in one small town in America.

More than thirty years ago, Finn Murphy dropped out of college to become a trucker. Since then he's covered hundreds of thousands of miles packing, loading, and hauling people's belongings all over America. Murphy whisks readers down the I-95 Powerlane, across the Florida Everglades, in and out of the truck stops of the Midwest, and through the steep grades of the Rocky Mountains. He tells funny, poignant, and haunting stories of the people he moves: a hoarder in New Hampshire; a Virginia homeowner raging when Murphy's truck accidentally runs down a stand of trees; a widow rushing her archaeologist husband's remains and relics to a Navajo burial ceremony in New Mexico. Brimming with personality and great characters, The Long Haul explores the appeal of manual labor and shows what happens behind the scenes when we call the movers.

When a well respected truck driver, the owner of a family trucking business, is found dead in his truck down a steep embankment along the Coquihalla highway, his distraught daughter wants to know why the truck went off the road on a gentle uphill curve. Hunter Rayne, a fellow trucker who was formerly an RCMP homicide investigator, feels compelled to help her find the answer and soon becomes convinced it was no accident. As he uncovers signs of illegal cross border activity originating in a Seattle warehouse, Hunter recruits an old friend, an outlaw biker,

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to infiltrate what appears to be an international smuggling ring. But while Hunter follows up clues and waits for critical information from his old friend, the wily biker starts to play his own angles. Finally, putting all the pieces together, there in the dark on the same uphill curve on the Coquihalla highway, Hunter risks it all to confront the murderer. Slow Curve on the Coquihalla is the first in a traditional mystery series set on the west coast of North America.

"The share auto I squeeze into next seems unusually vulnerable after a night in the truck - too compact, too low down. Perhaps, these are the usual side effects of prolonged riding with the king of the road, I think to myself. But it is only when I fill in 'truck' as my mode of transportation in the hotel ledger at Udaipur does the utter ludicrousness of my endeavour truly hit home" Think truck drivers, and movie scenes of them drunkenly crushing inconvenient people to their gravelly deaths come to mind. But what are their lives on the road actually like? In Truck De India!, journalist Rajat Ubhaykar embarks on a 10,000 km-long, 100% unplanned trip, hitchhiking with truckers all across India. On the way, he makes unexpected friendships; listens to highway ghost stories; discovers the near-fatal consequences of overloading trucks; documents the fascinating tradition of truck art in Punjab; travels alongside nomadic shepherds in Kashmir; encounters endemic corruption repeatedly; survives NH39, the insurgent-ridden highway through Nagaland and Manipur; and is unfailingly greeted by the unconditional kindness of perfect strangers. Imbued with humour, empathy, and a keen sense of history, Truck De India! is a travelogue like no other you've read. It is the story of India, and Indians, on the road.

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