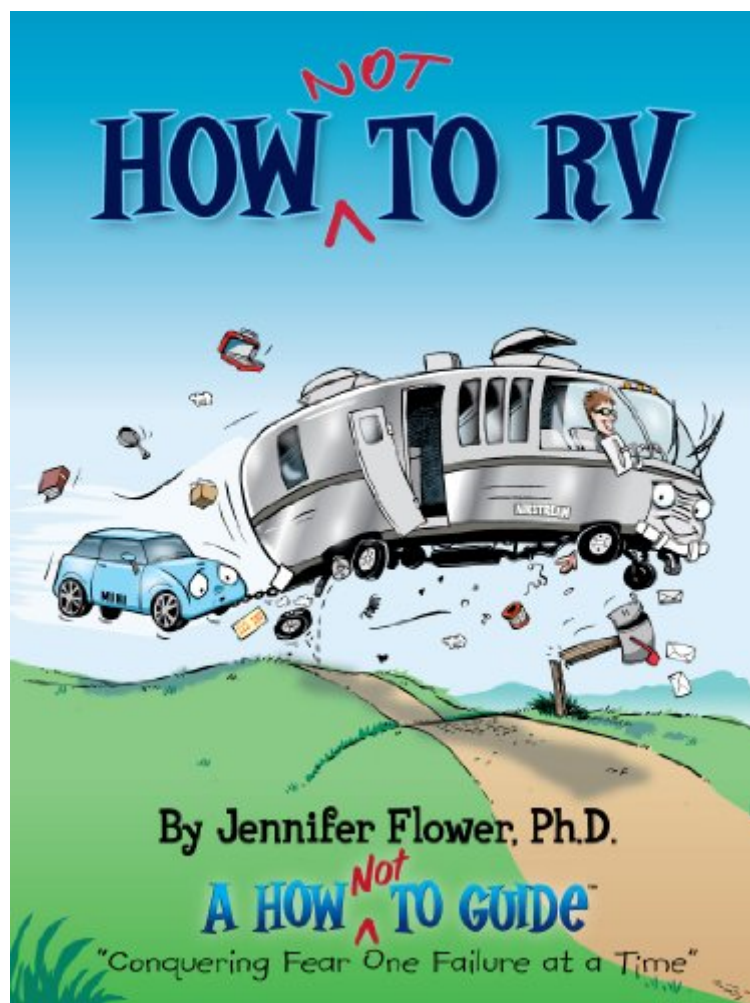




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How NOT To RV; The Rvers Guide To RVing In The Absurd (The How NOT To Guides)



Synopsis

How NOT to RV is a fast-rising bestseller. Here's what some have said:- "I had a great time reading (and laughing out loud)"- "hard to put down, easy to pick up"- "funniest bumpy ride ever ... stand-up comics take note"- "Hilarious mishaps and thought-provoking reflections"- "I was fascinated from beginning to end" RVs, RVing, and how (NOT) to RV by a recovering New York psychoanalyst on a trip to nowhere in particular. Whether you're a woman traveling alone, a family looking for budget travel, or a retiree seeking adventure in retirement, here you'll find travel tips, camping advice, trip planning, how to buy an RV, and how to screw up on all of it, still have a great time, and maybe even change your life. These are the bloopers that most RVers won't tell you. If you're planning a road trip in a motor home, a travel trailer, or modified hearse these cautionary but inspirational tales will help you avoid the most common RVing mistakes. So you've waited until now to hit the road. That's OK, because here, finally, are the missing, very specific instructions on how NOT to do it but how to get out there anyway, how to have a great adventure, conquering fear one failure at a time.

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Customer Reviews

On the plus side the stories are cute and personable - it's a quick read. However, the actual usefulness of the book to a first time RV'er (like myself) was less applicable. The chapters that actually have practical information are confusing due to the double-negatives that are often used. I often found myself asking, "Is the author telling me I should or shouldn't be doing this?" I understand that this is not to be a step-by-step guide to RV'ing, however, there is a way to write the chapters that doesn't leave you questioning the point. Not to be completely unfair to the author, I did find some of the content useful, just not a lot. Having just completed my first 2400 mile RV adventure in an older Motorhome I applaud the author's journey and subsequent courage to leave the life she knew behind and take a risk with the hope of discovering something new. I can relate to the feelings of joy one gets during the journey and the people you meet along the way despite the 'risks' you take operating an older RV and doing something that others view as crazy. If you're in the mood for a light-hearted, quick read about the RV'ing experience while sitting at your campfire, then you might find some of the stories amusing as I did. But for practical use I'd recommend book's like "The Complete Idiot's Guide to RV'ing."

At one point in this hilarious but deep little volume, Jenny turns to her dear reader and reflects that most RVers will tell you all kinds of stories except for the ones that make them look silly. That's not just true of RVers, of course -- it's how most of us act, writers in particular, and especially writers attempting to don the mantle of The Expert You Should Respect. Jenny does exactly the opposite, and the result is a book that left me feeling better prepared for hopping into an RV for a cross-country drive-a-palooza than a stack of traditional how-to guides ever could. That's especially true, by the way, because I'm actually rather anti-RV. She makes the idea inviting by not only getting under the hood of the rig itself and the confusing array of gear that it carries, but deep under the hood of the *you*, the person who is trying to figure out why they signed up for this ride. No, don't worry, that doesn't mean she tries to connect the reason you're on the road to the way you were treated as a child. (At least, not for more than a couple lines.) No, the unique insight that she conveys, through one knee-slapping anecdote after another, is exactly HOW to treat the many foibles of life on the road as an opportunity to discover new resourcefulness that you never knew you had. I read the whole thing in a couple hours and was laughing all the way... often at her, sometimes at myself, and often at the amusing nature of life as a hairless ape surrounded by too many gadgets.

I can't remember the last time I grabbed a book for "a little casual reading" and found myself on the last page, at 6AM, WISHING THERE WAS MORE!!! For anyone who has had already had their first few forays out in the new/old RV (you definitely need a few miles under your belt to fully understand the sarcasm), this book is for you! Read it cover to cover while taking notes, have your wife or significant other do the same, review your notes, bring this book as a desk reference on your next journey through life in an RV and avoid the mistakes the rest of us make! This is definitely a "How To", just presented in reverse and in a far funnier fashion than I would have. It's amazing how many similar circumstances Jennifer, a single woman from New York and myself, a married guy (20 years) living in Flagstaff, AZ find ourselves in on the road. Yeah, we may have messed up in different places, sometimes even in different ways, but I can't even imagine how many embarrassing incidents I would have avoided had I read this (and had she gotten on the road sooner!) "way back when". I can't say enough, incredible job Doc and HEY YOU, Buy This Book!

It was an easy read and a wonderful story. I have made some of the mistakes that were in the book and got a good laugh at my self being written about. I rated the book only a 4 simply because, being a male, I had some trouble seeing the feminine viewpoint. Other than that, I can easily recommend it for both men and women, young and old, new and experienced RV'S. I would like to see more along this line.

Length: 87 pages. I enjoyed this writer's style of writing, but probably would have enjoyed reading this book if she had also written more chapters similar to Chapter 15, in which she reversed her tack and stated what to do. However, I also got some discouraging news regarding a motor home I recently purchased. That is my old coach gets vapor locked and, probably, this will be a frequent issue. Unless, that is, I can find good advice to solving this issue.

If you are thinking of buying an RV and hitting the road, there are approximately 5 billion books which will give you detailed descriptions of how to do it. I suspect that many people get so caught up in reading about RVing that they never get around to actually doing it. (That may be just as well!) If Jennifer had asked my advice, I would have suggested that she RENT an RV and try a few trips close to home before taking the plunge. But she didn't ask me, and the result is that she is now living on the west coast with her new husband and has written this very funny book. I wish her well and I hope she writes more.

I've always wanted to obey the call of the open road, having had a love of long-distance road trips instilled in me at an early age by my parents. There just wasn't the time, or when I had the time, there was no money. Having lost a great deal through midlife illness, disability and divorce, now seems a great time to take the new husband (a much needed improvement over the previous one), pack the rest of our bulkier belongings in storage with the furniture, and bid my parents adieu, promising to stay in touch. This book was the last little straw that pushed me over the "do it!!!!" edge. Now to push the hubby over the same edge, and begin the almost missed adventure of our lives!!!!!!

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