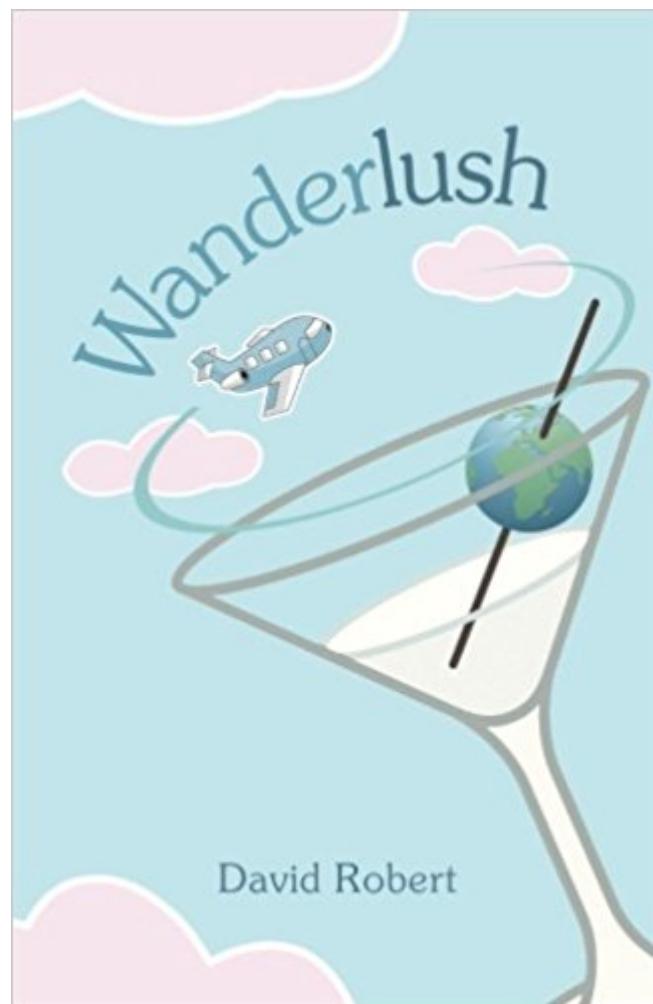


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# Wanderlush



## **Synopsis**

When David, a self-proclaimed anxiety-ridden introvert, convinces himself he's dying of cancer, he invites his delightfully unpredictable, Xanax-popping, chardonnay-swilling mother on a series of international good-bye vacations. By doing so, he unwittingly opens a Pandora's Box of hilarious and humiliating events that will test just how far they are willing to go to get a laugh. David knows the trips will be anything but boring because he and his mom have been causing a scene for as long as he can remember. He describes her as a cross between Bea Arthur and Karen Walker from *Will and Grace*, and she is notorious for bending the rules. But nothing can prepare him for escapades that include digging his mom out of a rain gutter in Costa Rica and being dragged across the Arabian Desert by a psychotic camel named Forrest Hump. As the vacations unfold, David discovers that although he and his mom are having the time of their life, she is ready to share a secret that will change everything.

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3.5 stars - "...the point of this book is not to probe the deeper mysteries of existence, but rather to display the back and forth dynamics of a family that both loves and loathes itself. This tactic is occasionally quite rewarding..." - IndieReader "May cause uncontrollable laughter in the middle of a quiet plane ride." - Boston Spirit Magazine "I love a good story and *Wanderlust* delivers many. Reading the book feels as if you're sitting at the family table with Robert.." - Options Rhode Island "Definitely the funniest book I've read this year." - Generationgbooks

Wanderlust was a 10-year book in the making. I had been keeping travel notes since our first trip,

and in early 2013 (after much encouragement from friends) I decided to commit to writing the book. It was far more difficult than I assumed but I had a blast writing it. Recounting all of the wonderful experiences, and the humiliating ones as well, was so much fun. I consider *Wanderlust* to be a gift to my mom. She's an amazing person and I wanted to share her with the world. I hope you enjoy.

"A more plausible source of my wanderlust is the fear of missing out on something. To me, the risk of missing out on an experience far outweighs the risks associated with exploration." The above is basically why I liked this book-The adventuresome spirit captured in this quote taken from the first chapter well foreshadows the entertaining stories to come. The author and his crazy mother (plus a few other companions) go on several vacations which really are way more interesting than most. Each time, they have a bunch of ridiculous and funny stories fueled by their sarcastic, fun-loving nature and booze. What I really loved is that they have this awesome tendency to take any otherwise mundane moment and human interaction into some ridiculous and hilarious little adventure, just in the natural course of their travels. Example of a good funny story to be found within-David takes on an elderly woman in an intense espresso chugging competition in some small town in Portugal (she's the apparent reigning champion)-what ended up happening is hilarious. His mother really makes things interesting. She's a bit wacky and gets much joy out of embarrassing him-One time when he was a freshman in college she secretly crashed his Halloween party dressed as a mummy (This is still cracking me up as I write lol). People who would do these things, write good books. I highly recommend it :)

Observational humor can be difficult, but David Robert finds the right balance in dealing with his past and present life. Can IBS or breast cancer be comical? In the right hands, they can be. He and his family remind me of Neil Simon characters in a play; they are witty, they are neurotic but they have heart. As he climbs the never ending hill in his first trip, I picture him breaking out into the song, "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" just to torture his sister and mother. Take the road trip with Robert, his mother, his siblings and his partner as they travel the world in search of the ridiculous or perhaps the ridiculous is searching for them. Hats off to a fellow author from Rhode Island. Mike Poirier Co-Author of "Into the Danger Zone: Sea Crossings of the First World War"

*Wanderlust* is funny and intelligent with a wickedly mischievous and contemporary edge. The book opens with a hilarious chapter that introduces the reader to David Robert's anxiety ridden mindset and sets the stage for various world travels with his mother, sisters and his partner,

Pete. Right from the start I was smiling. Each chapter details his misadventures across the globe and gives the reader a little insight into particular cities. The love between the characters is evident, how else could they get away with teasing each other mercilessly at every possible occasion? I loved how the main character is not afraid to voice his thoughts and opinions on everything from being bullied as a child, his "emotional colon", to his feelings about children who make noise in his hotel hallway. I can't wait for another book. What does the main character actually do for a living? How would he describe a vacation where his sister's children accompanied them? Too funny!

"Wanderlust" is a truly hilarious story about David, an anxiety-ridden introvert who also has "an emotional colon. Convinced he is dying of cancer, David takes his mother on a series of vacations that are as hilarious as the various conditions David believes that he suffers from. The characters are very well developed, and the storyline is amusing and takes several hilarious twists as David and his mother make their way around the world. The book is really a collection of stories, but they all weave together, and they all share a comic bent that makes the book hard to put down. If you think you've got problems, read about David and his mother! You'll feel normal in no time!

A few words to describe this book are: Wacky, irreverent, ridiculous, and laugh-out-loud! David's view of the world makes all of his zany vacations turn into trips of a lifetime. Bringing his mother, partner, and sister along turns every molehill into a mountain, volcanoes of biblical proportions! From his 4-block hill of torture to the hillbilly extravaganza, each adventure makes you laugh a little longer. A fun read, and it makes a great gift, too!

Snap, crackle, and Pope! That is just one gem in this book. David has a knack of taking an ordinary event, for most of us, into a laugh out loud riot! Who knew there was a protocol for entering and using an airplane lavatory? This is a must read for travelers, sons, daughters, and especially mothers!

I recommend this book a 5 star. While patiently waiting in a Doctor's office reading this book, time flew by and I couldn't stop myself from laughing. I am sure the other patients sitting across from me thought I was crazy. Without a doubt, recommend this book as a , "Must Read and Share book" Can't

wait for his next book to be published.

My wife bought the book for me and I laughed through most of it. I found it very enjoyable and I would (and will) recommend it to all my friends and family.

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