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Editorial Review

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This may well be some of the best airplane reading ever. Part travel guide, part relationship primer, *Around the World in 80 Dates* mixes wry dating realities with preposterously romantic settings and a slightly more than backpacker budget. Author Jennifer Cox--an experienced travel journalist--gets friends around the world to act as matchmaker for an 80-date spree, and the result is, not surprisingly, highly entertaining.

As with dates everywhere, there are good (hot Swedish guy with a floating sauna), bad (hungover kid fresh from a Metallica concert), hysterically embarrassing (a shared pedicure turning into a poorly translated wart removal ordeal) and amazing (Mr. Soul Mate, Date No. 55). Almost every man goes out of his way to create sort of an ideal date--mostly involving Champagne and boats--and Cox's smirky humor and sincere desire to meet the man of her dreams combine for a sweetly honest--and honestly sweet--exploration of romance.

The romance kicks into high gear with No. 55, which happens over several days at Burning Man. She instantly feels he's "the One," but troops through toward the finish line, even daring to include No. 55 on a later date with No. 63. They sneak time together on a few continents, and it's with him that the serious romance happens (and their first date had nothing to do with either Champagne or boats). A life lesson or two are uncovered amidst the jet lag, and Cox hands those out with hard-earned wisdom that many women will recognize from their own lives. As for whether Mr. Soul Mate really turns out to be "the One," just think of it as a good mystery and don't peek--sometimes the journey is half the fun. --*Jill Lightner*

Tips and Tricks from Jennifer Cox



"Traveling solo gives you a sense of achievement."

~Jennifer Cox

Traveling Happy

"Traveling solo is brilliant," says Jennifer Cox, a seasoned travel writer and head of PR for Lonely Planet before she set out on her extraordinary journey to find Mr. Right--a quest she recounts in the delightfully witty and insightful *Around the World in 80 Dates*.

If the idea of traveling companion-free has been tempting you for a while, but apprehension of the unknown, or even the fear of looking like a "loser," has been holding you back, Ms. Cox has some advice that should help get you on your way, safe, happy, and confident.



"Trust your instincts."
~Jennifer Cox

Finding the One

"Take a look in the mirror. Like what you see? Good, then you're in the right mood for dating." Finding your soul mate takes more than sheer luck or extravagant settings. It's about being in the right state of mind, suggests Jennifer Cox, who, after hitting four continents in six months in search of Mr. Right, came back with a thing or two, or ten, to share with men and women who are looking for that special someone.

From defining your "dating motto" to avoiding "date fatigue," find out how to keep your spirits high even after a date brought you low, and, most important, remember that "the One" is out there. "Don't give up. And don't settle for less than Mr. [or Mrs.] Right."

From Publishers Weekly

There's a new bachelorette on the scene, only this one is a writer first and a boy-crazy speed-dater second. Cox was the 38-year-old head of public relations for Lonely Planet when she decided to give her usual globe-trotting itinerary a twist: "Rather than traveling to recover from Mr. Wrong, what if I went traveling to find Mr. Right?" She assembled a "Relationship Résumé" (listing her own romantic history) and a "Soul Mate Job Description" (outlining the position she was looking to fill) and distributed them to a global network of "Date Wranglers," who then tracked down eligible suitors around the world. Cox met 80 men in 18 countries over a period of eight months—an impressive logistical feat, especially compared to her television counterparts, who never seem to leave their hot tubs. Her dates ranged from bizarre (recalcitrant William, whom she met at the Nobel Museum in Stockholm) to exhilarating (Olivier, who gives her a moonlit tour of Paris), but they were rarely boring. Best of all, Cox's entertaining quest for love gives readers a look at places they may not see otherwise, including Juliet's balcony in Verona and a whimsical theme park in rural Holland. Does Cox live happily ever after? Armchair travelers and diehard romantics will speed through this unique memoir to find out. *Agent, Lizzy Kremer at David Higham Associates. (Apr.)*
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"Cox's appealingly hopeful musings on singledom resonate."

-- *Entertainment Weekly*

"Jennifer Cox's own 21st-century Singleton's version of Jules Verne."

-- *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

"This chick's daring dating adventures give a whole new meaning to the word gutsy."

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