

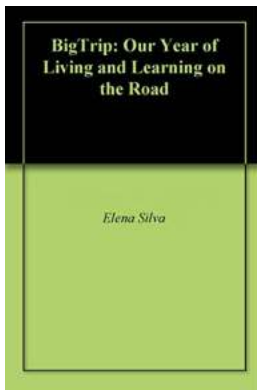
Our Year Of Living And Learning On The Road



Have you ever dreamt of leaving the comfort of home and embarking on an adventure-filled journey with your family? Well, that's exactly what we did - a year of living and learning on the road.

The Decision to Hit the Road

It all started with a simple question during a family dinner: "What if we sold everything and hit the road for a year?". The idea instantly sparked excitement and curiosity in each one of us. We were tired of the monotonous routine and yearned for a change.



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My Complete Travel Checklist

(International Travel)

7-12 months ahead:

- Make flight reservations if using reward miles

3-6 months ahead:

- Make flight reservations if purchasing tickets
- Apply for passport (if needed)
- Make reservations for lodging

2-4 months ahead:

- Make reservations for car rentals

1-3 months ahead:

- Purchase tickets for attractions that will sell out

1 month ahead:

- Order cell phone for foreign country (if needed)
- Apply for international driver's license (if needed)
- Reserve airport parking at off-site lot (if needed)

1 week before:

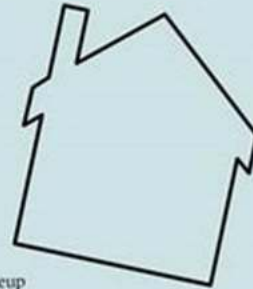
- Confirm all reservations
- Download latest maps to GPS
- Give copy of itinerary to someone not traveling with you
- Arrange ride to airport
- Notify bank you'll be in a different location
- Arrange for pet & garden care
- Put a vacation hold on mail
- Finalize your packing list
- Order cash for trip (foreign money from AAA or your bank)
- _____

1 day before:

- Pack luggage
- Pick up cash for trip (foreign money from AAA or your bank)
- Set two alarms if you have an early flight
- Set out clothing for departure day
- _____

Day of departure:

- Turn off hot water heater and unplug unneeded appliances
- Shut and lock all windows and doors in home
- Grab last-minute items such as phone chargers, toothbrush or makeup
- _____



Months of planning and preparation followed. We sold our house, donated most of our belongings, and invested in an RV that would become our home on wheels. It was not an easy decision, but the desire for a life filled with unforgettable experiences overshadowed any doubts.

The Journey Begins

As we set off on our journey, a sense of freedom engulfed us. The open road stretched ahead, promising endless possibilities and new horizons. Our hearts were filled with a mix of excitement and nervousness.



We decided to homeschool our children during this year of adventure. The road became our classroom, and the world around us became their textbook. The children soaked in knowledge from the incredible places we visited - from historical landmarks to breathtaking natural wonders.

Learning through Experience

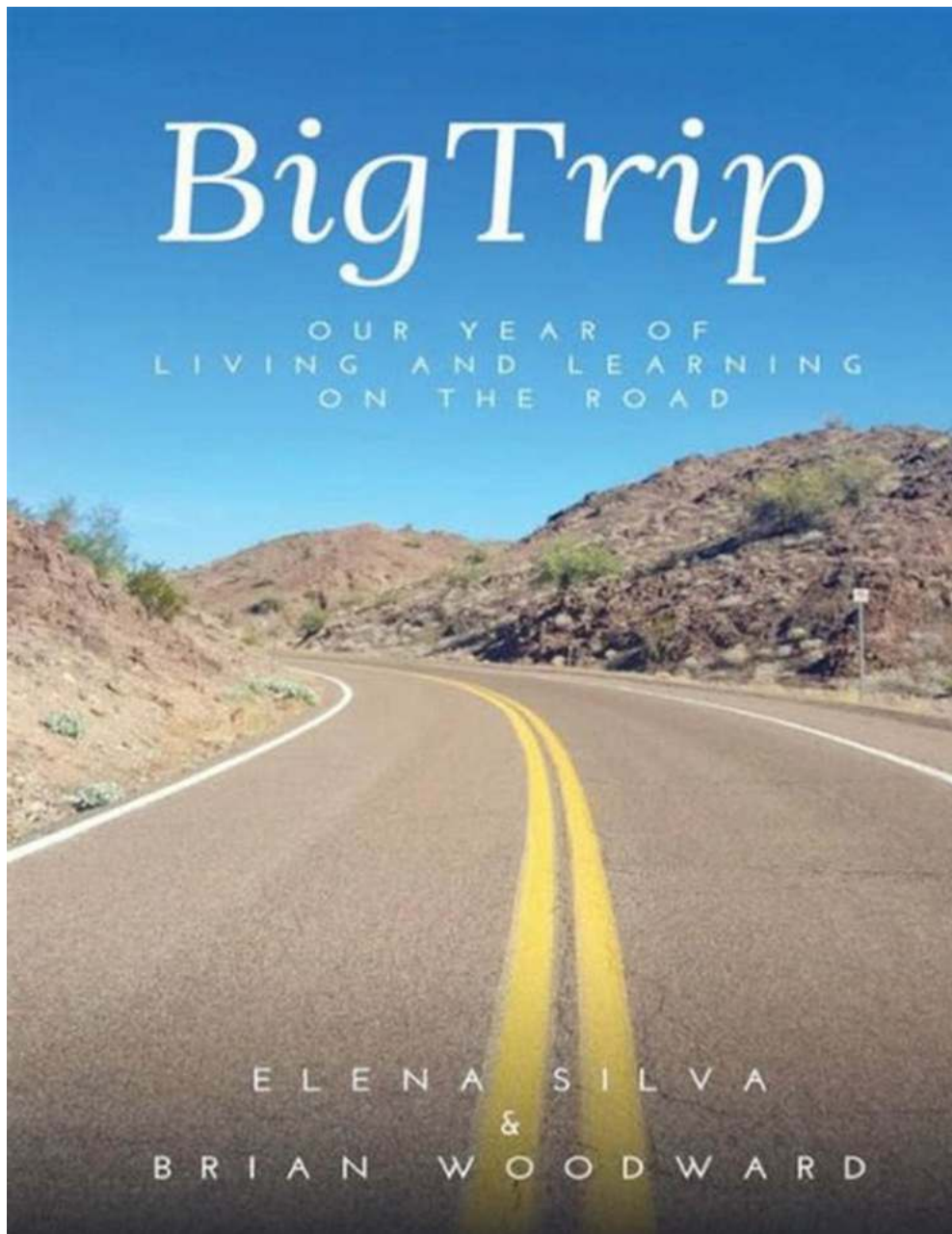
Experiential learning became the cornerstone of our journey. We embraced the diverse cultures we encountered, the different cuisines we tasted, and the unique customs we witnessed. Our children not only learned about academic subjects but also gained valuable life skills and a global perspective.



This adventure brought us closer as a family. We cherished every moment spent together, whether it was cooking dinner at the RV, sitting around a campfire, or simply enjoying the beauty of nature. We learned to communicate better, solve problems as a team, and appreciate the little things in life.

Challenges and Reflections

Of course, this journey was not without its challenges. There were times when we missed the comfort and familiarity of a traditional home. We encountered unexpected setbacks, faced occasional doubts, and had to adapt to the unpredictability of life on the road.

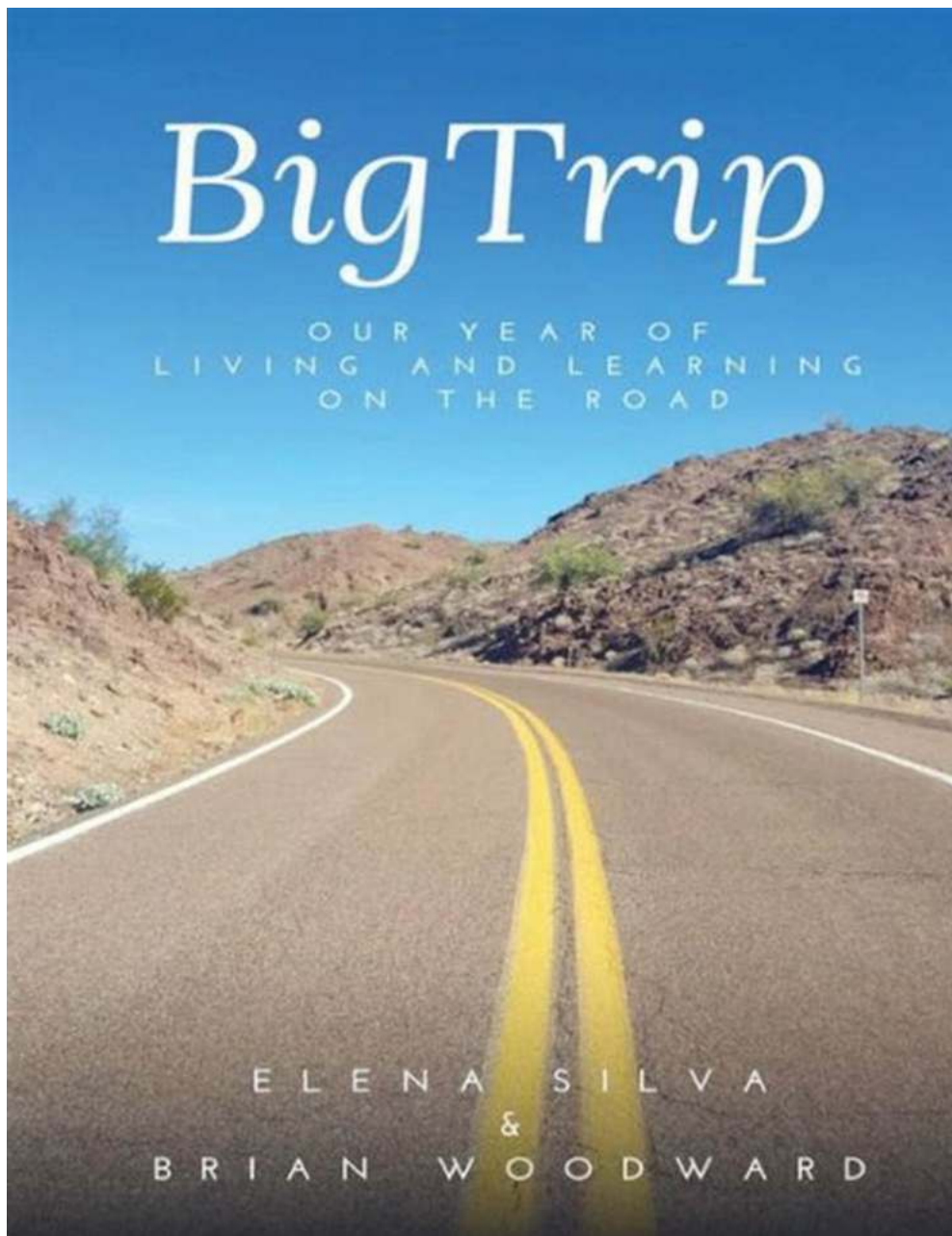


However, those challenges were outweighed by the invaluable experiences and personal growth we gained. We discovered that stepping out of our comfort zones and embracing the unknown can lead to remarkable transformations.

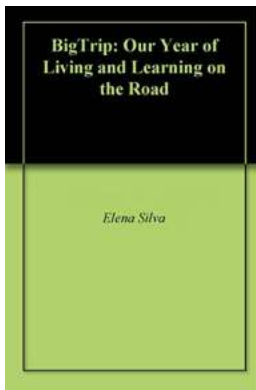
- A Year to Remember

As we reflect upon our year of living and learning on the road, we are filled with a mix of gratitude, nostalgia, and a newfound zest for life. The memories we

created are priceless, and the lessons we learned will stay with us forever.



So, if you ever feel the urge to break free from the ordinary, consider embarking on your own journey of a lifetime. The road may be long and challenging, but the rewards are immeasurable. Take the leap, explore the world, and discover the true meaning of living.



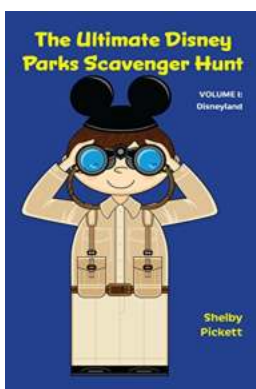
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We stole a year. That's how it feels now that it's over. Leaving everything behind, our family of four traveled across and around the United States. Along the way, we learned to be roadschoolers and RVers, to sleep in parks and parking lots, to respect and conserve water and electricity, to experience the diversity and beauty of places and people, and to appreciate home. We spent every minute of every day together for a year, driving over narrow mountain passes, along coastal highways, and through endless stretches of desert, teaching and learning at picnic tables and public libraries, hiking in dry riverbeds, getting chased by dogs and saved by Good Samaritans. It was a year to remember, and probably the BestTrip we'll ever take as a family.



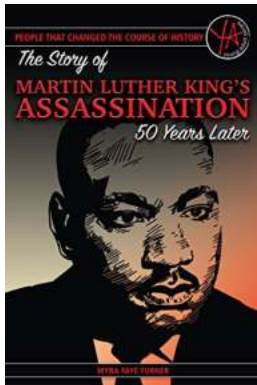
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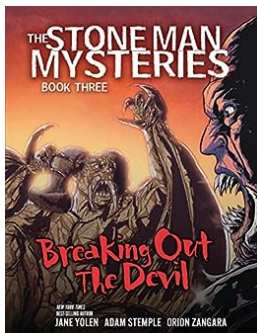
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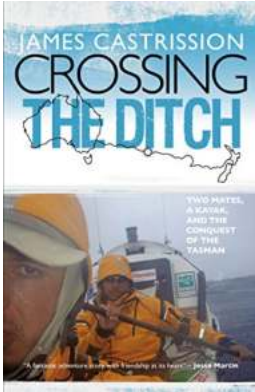
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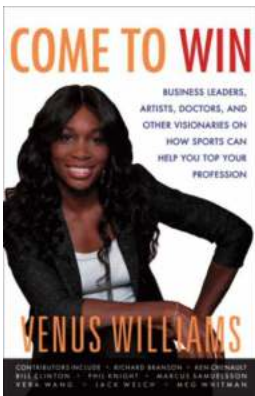
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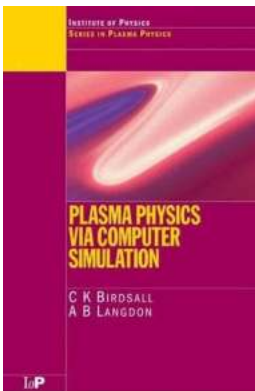
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