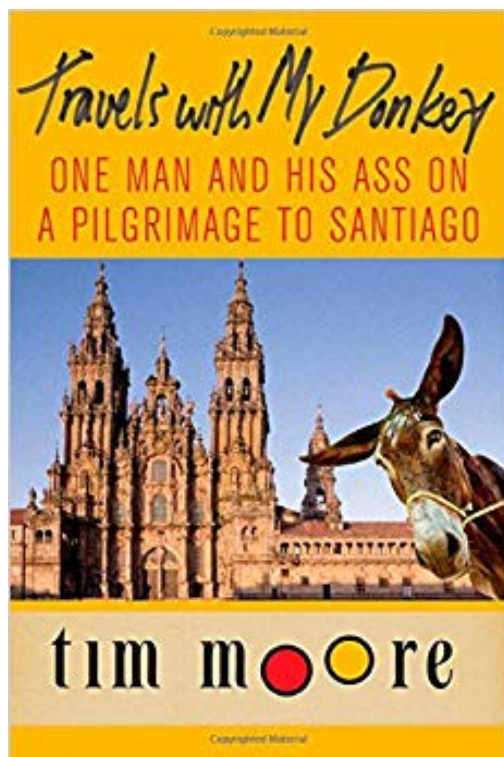
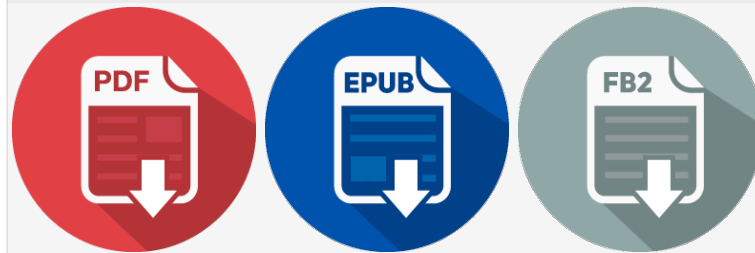


Travels with My Donkey: One Man and His Ass on a Pilgrimage to Santiago *by* Tim Moore



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"A donkey?" blurted my family as one. For a moment it didn't seem they'd ever be able to list all the reasons that made this so entertainingly ludicrous. . . Yes, I'd never ridden a donkey on a beach or petted one at a city farm, never even pinned a cardboard tail to one's throat after the cake and ice cream....A donkey would be my hairy-coated hair shirt, making my pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela a truer test of the will, a trial."With these words, having no knowledge of Spanish and even less about the care and feeding of donkeys, Tim Moore, Britain's indefatigable traveling Everyman, sets out on a pilgrimage to the cathedral at Santiago de Compostela with a donkey named Shinto as his companion. Armed only with the Codex Calixtinus, a twelfth-century handbook to the route, and expert advice on donkey management from Robert Louis Stevenson, Moore and his four-legged companion travel the ancient five-hundred-mile route from St. Jean Pied-de-Port, on the French side of the Pyrenees, to the cathedral at Santiago de Compostela, which houses the remains of Spain's patron saint, St. James. Over sun-scorched highways, precipitous bridges, dirt paths shaded by leafy trees, and vineyards occasionally lashed by downpours, Moore and Shinto pass through some of the oldest towns and cities in northern Spain in colorful company, both past and present. Pilgrims real and imagined have traveled this route throughout the ages, a diverse cast of wayfarers spanning Charlemagne, St. Francis of Assisi, Chaucer's Wife of Bath, and New Age diva, Shirley MacLaine. Moore's present-day companions are no less florid or poignant. Clearly more interested in Shinto than in Moore, their fellow walkers are an assortment of devout Christian pilgrims, New Age spirituality seekers, travelers grieving over a lost love affair, Baby Boomers contemplating the advent of middle age, and John Q. Public just out for a cheap, boozy sun-drenched outdoor holiday. As Moore pushes, pulls, wheedles, cajoles, and threatens Shinto across Spain toward the crypt of St. James in a quest to find the spiritual pilgrim within, the duo overnights in the bedrooms, dormitories, and---for Shinto---adjacent grassy fields of northern Spain's hostels, inns,

convents, seminaries, and farmhouses. Shinto, a donkey with a finely honed talent for relieving himself at the most inopportune moments, has better luck in the search for his next meal than Moore does in finding his inner St. Francis. Undaunted, however, Man and Beast finally arrive at the cathedral and a successful end to their journey. For readers who delighted in his earlier books, *Travels with My Donkey* is the next hilarious chapter in the travels of Tim Moore, a book that keeps the bones of St. James rattling till this day.



Reviews of the **Travels with My Donkey: One Man and His Ass on a Pilgrimage to Santiago** by Tim Moore

TheMoonix

"Shirley MacLaine's *The Camino: A Journey of the Spirit*, loosely billed as an account of her walk from St. Jean to Santiago ... is a book so mad it howls at the moon, a book that with any name on its cover but that of a Hollywood legend would have had orderlies with soft, placatory smiles knocking on the author's door ... Just as I'd envy any full-on Christians I'd meet for their appealing belief in an eternal paradise, so, in a less straightforward fashion, I envied Shirley: an understanding of one's destiny in life, enhanced etheric vibrations in the brain, the multidimensional presence of gnomes, fairies and trolls - what's not to like?" - from *TRAVELS WITH MY DONKEY*

"No man can ever have felt more proud of a donkey as I did watching Shinto crap atop the Cruz de Ferro. It was, indeed, his pilgrimage too." - from *TRAVELS WITH MY DONKEY*, as the author and Shinto stand atop the famous pilgrimage milestone

In 2004, for no particular reason related to piety, author Tim Moore decided to make the venerable east to west pilgrimage across the width of northern Spain starting at Valcarlos and ending at Santiago de Compostela at the enshrined (supposed) remains of the apostle Saint James. Not wishing to carry his stuff all 466 miles, Moore decides to pack it in with a donkey. Thus Shinto, an ultimately endearing 200 kilogram package of obstinacy, phobias, and more or less stoic forbearance.

The book's biggest flaw is the lack of any photos - especially photos of "Shints" - even though the author makes multiple references to pictures taken. I had to go to the Web to retrieve a color snap of Tim and his faithful companion which I printed, trimmed, and pasted into the book for the benefit of its next owner. Shinto bears little resemblance to the donkey portrayed on the volume's front cover.

As a lapsed Catholic and in the face of life's day-to-day responsibilities, Moore's 41-day trudge seemed an enormous waste of time. However, that doesn't prevent a feeling of reluctant admiration for one who'd actually do it, especially while pushing, pulling, and cajoling livestock all the way. After all, Tim produced an engaging and humorous narrative about the experience which provided several days of chuckles. And I did appreciate the author's comments about Shirley MacLaine.

Mr Mole

Tim Moore writes a lively story of his decision to make a modern-day pilgrimage along the 500 mile road to Santiago, Spain and join the brotherhood of pilgrims dating back to the days when disciples walked it. He has a sharp wit and often cynical view that examines the history, purpose, and personalities that make this journey such an ancient tradition, especially for Europeans. Despite human suffering, pilgrims have walked this path for 2,000 years, escaping from their dreary and boring daily lives to cleanse their souls. Along the way they find all manner of human interface, from kind and gentle and welcoming to the traveler, to the darker side of thieves and robbers and charlatans out to steal or kill unsuspecting pilgrims.

Mr. Tim is intent to do the trek, but he is not enamored of the idea of hauling his own pack over hill and dale. So he finds an ass named Shinto to do the heavy hauling. Tim just has to learn how to relate to, encourage, cajole, and reach common agreement with his donkey. To the delight of many fellow travelers and townspeople along the way, Shinto is more interesting than the average pilgrim and leads Tim into often funny circumstances, especially in the towns and villages where hostels are for humans but not for donkeys. It's a fun adventure in life management with a throwback to ancient days and ways along the road. And he seems to find out a lot about himself on his journey.

ZEr0

Not my best read by far. I had the idea that the book seemed to promise a delightful read, but don't think it delivered. Guess I did learn about the pilgrimage but not a book I would recommend.

Tholmeena

The first half of the book was so funny that I would read it to a friend and cry laughing. The second part dragged in places but was still funny and interesting.

It probably was interesting to me because I was reading it while hiking the Camino. I'm not sure if you were not familiar with the pilgrimage you would enjoy it as much. The Author is very funny!!!!

DABY

Entertaining and funny! LOL! I just ran the last 115km of the Camino de Santiago from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela over a 5 day period so I especially enjoyed Tim's insight on his journey...WITH a donkey! The guy's Crazy! Tim gets a 10 for creativity and originality. Unbelievable that anyone would "haul ass" along El Camino. Shints has a cool personality. Very well written. Well done, Tim!

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