

The Wishing Shelf Book Awards

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TITLE: Unlost: Roaming Through South America on a Spontaneous Journey

AUTHOR: Cory Mortensen

Star Rating: 4

CATCHY QUOTE

‘A compelling insight into the ups and downs of travelling through South America.’ The Wishing Shelf

REVIEW

If you happen to be on the hunt for a chatty sort of travel book, Unlost by Cory Mortensen might be for you. It follows the author as he wanders his way through South America, regaling his readers with insights into the world he sees and the often charismatic characters he meets. In many ways, the book reminds me of a night I spent in the pub with a pal who just got back from walking along the top of Portugal. Very amusing, insightful (but not overly so) and highly compelling – particularly after we consumed three pints of beer!

I think it’s important to tell you this book is not for everybody. For example, a family with three young children should NOT follow in Mr Mortensen’s footsteps! But that’s okay; I don’t think the author would want them to. No, this is for the man (or woman) who simply wants to drop everything and go exploring. Or, as is most common, for the reader who wants to stay safe on his or her sofa and read about another person dropping everything and going exploring! And, for them, this is excellent.

So, yes, I'm very happy to recommend this book. I think most readers will enjoy seeing South America through this author's eyes; they'll also enjoy meeting the characters he meets, many of them rather memorable. I see this is the second book of the set. I don't think it's important to read the first book first. But, hey, why not? From an author who's so ready to drop everything and go for it, you'll never be bored.

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