

# WHEREVER THE ROAD LEADS

A Memoir of Love, Travel, and a Van

*K. Lang-Slattery*

**A WEDDING, A VW MICROBUS, AND TWO YEARS ON THE ROAD.** Newlyweds (an artist and an engineer) meet the rigors of travel and the ups and downs of married life in a Volkswagen microbus that continually needs repair. Surrounded by exotic backdrops from Mexico to India and beset by mechanical problems, Tom and Katie drive 40,000 miles across four continents in a world before the internet or cell phones. Everything from engine trouble to personal sanitation, from running out of funds to illness, affects their journey. Will their relationship thrive or will it crumble under the pressure of living together 24/7 in a van?

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## Points of Interest About the Book

- The 1970s was a time when hippie travelers drove the world in vans. *Wherever the Road Leads* is the story of a newly married couple, Katie and Tom, who became part of this lifestyle for two years.
- *Wherever the Road Leads* is illustrated with photos taken by Tom and Katie's drawings, as well as seven maps that show the route the couple followed from California to India and back.
- Katie used a stash of travel guides, maps, letters home, photos, and drawings to help her relive her memories.

## Author Bio

Kathryn Lang-Slattery got her first passport at the age of sixteen. Since then, she has seen every continent except Antarctica and has led travel groups of teenaged Girl Scouts around Europe four times. She is a published author of fiction and nonfiction for youth and an adult historical novel based on the WWII experiences of her uncle. After close to fifty years telling stories from the "big trip," Lang-Slattery wrote *Wherever the Road Leads*, her memoir of a once-in-a-lifetime travel adventure. She lives in Laguna Beach, California, only steps from her childhood home.

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## Marketing Plan

*Wherever the Road Leads* is being marketed to independent bookstores, travel stores, on VW and van-life websites and blogs, and (hopefully) even at VW sales offices. The author has a history of speaking about her books at libraries, bookstores, and museums, to book groups, service groups, and on the local radio. All of these venues will again be used when safe to do so. Meanwhile Lang-Slattery is preparing online presentations and hopes to set up virtual meetings with readers groups. Lang-Slattery's popular presentation, *How to Write a True Story as Fiction or Memoir*, will continue to be the centerpiece of her speaking schedule.

## Advance Praise

"A remarkable adventure and a delightful read."

- Janice MacLeod, *New York Times*, best-selling author of *Paris Letters*

"If you've ever dreamed of a two-year camping honeymoon exploring the world, this book is a must-read."

- Georgeanne Brennan, author of *A Pig in Provence*

"A heartfelt and sinewy account, full of fragrant moments."

- Michael Gebicki, travel writer and columnist at [www.traveller.com.au](http://www.traveller.com.au)

