

Traveling in Wonder: A Travel Photographer's Tales of Wanderlust

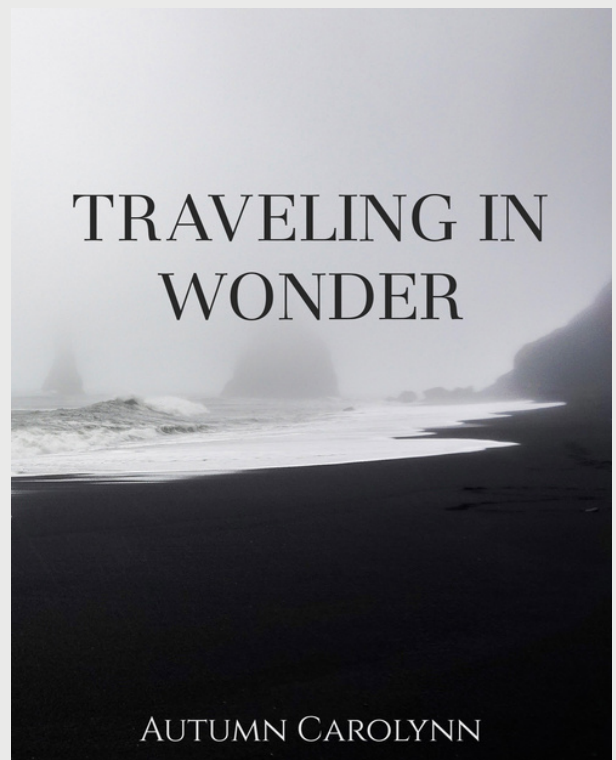
Traveling in Wonder: A Travel Photographer's Tales of Wanderlust is an author's extended letter to the many countries she's visited.

Traveling in Wonder: A Travel Photographer's Tales of Wanderlust reads like a letter from Autumn to the many countries she's visited, first as a student traveling abroad, then as a flight attendant, a travel agent, and more recently, a travel photographer.

With a gift for storytelling, Autumn invites the reader into what she was experiencing in each country. She also weaves in reflections on a broader level-her thoughts on being bullied, anxiety, falling in love, and how we're all more alike than we may believe.

Explore Autumn's words for tips and best practices on traveling. Discover Autumn finding her identity not in her goal of 30 countries within 30 years but in who she became because of the people she met, both abroad and at home, and what they taught her about life.

Traveling in Wonder is also a love letter to self, and the courage it takes to get on a plane and go, but also in choosing not to run away from your problems in the present, and equally, letting ordinary days teach you more about yourself.



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Excerpt

“Upon the realization that we were unable to go up the Eiffel Tower and be only below it, Jon looked into my eyes and whispered in my ear, “I had a plan to kiss you on top of the Eiffel Tower at midnight, but if I can’t have a kiss at the top, may I have one underneath it?” I nodded my head slightly, and he twirled me around, holding my head up with one sturdy arm. He gently dipped me backward, held my chin with his other hand, and kissed me sweetly on the lips as the Eiffel Tower sparkled above our heads right as the clock struck midnight.”

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“As we departed the tower, our group slowly made our way back to the hostel in the middle of the night. I went back to my dorm for a full night’s rest, and as I went to close the door to fall asleep, Jon knocked gently on it to wish me a good night and to thank me for the whimsical moment we shared together.

Before saying goodbye, he asked me if we would ever see each other again. I paused in the moment and thought to myself, Do I want to keep this a memory in time, exactly how it ended, in a mystery of what could have been? Or do I decide to let myself continue to see where this could go?”



Dora Okeyo

BEST SELLING AUTHOR

“It’s a book I would recommend to any solo female traveler-why? The author shares detail accounts of where she visited, what it felt like visiting, some things she bought as souvenirs and lessons learned. It’s the section on lessons learned that I find myself more in-sync with because from them, I could relate to what she experienced and in that way, it makes this more of a personalized travel diary with very beautiful photos.”

Ink Reads

BEST SELLING AUTHOR

“The book is not only full of stunning imagery, beautifully captured, the structure of the chapters is also well constructed, with a checklist for each journey at the beginning of the chapter, a diary of the destination and images of the key points in the location. Overall a really enjoyable, engaging and personable book for any keen traveller or lover of photography!”



Darcy Speed

BEST SELLING AUTHOR

"I really enjoyed *Traveling in Wonder*. Autumn Carolynn's style of writing made the book very easy to read. I also found the format of the book - the way that the sections of the book, as well as the chapters of the book were organized, made it very reader-friendly. I admire the author for being so honest, throughout the entire book. Part memoir, part travel book, this one will stay with me for a long time."

Heloiza Silva

BEST SELLING AUTHOR

"I like a lot these kind of books where the author tell about their experiences travelling the world and this one was pretty great. There were some tips to whom wants to take path and discover the wonders of travelling."

Biography

Autumn Carolynn received her bachelor's degree in English with an emphasis in creative writing from Illinois State University and Canterbury Christ Church University. She is a published author with *Spoon River Poetry Review* and has worked as an on-air DJ for two radio stations. Autumn produced a creative writing segment aired on WGLT, an NPR station, which introduced writers from all over the Midwest and allowed them to share their work on air.

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Press Release

AUTHOR AUTUMN CAROLYNN UNVEILS “TRAVELING IN WONDER”: A CAPTIVATING JOURNEY THROUGH 30 COUNTRIES A Travel Photographer’s Tales of Wanderlust

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA – In a touching exploration of a life enriched by wanderlust, young author AutumnCarolynn invites readers to journey with her on her upcoming book release, "Traveling in Wonder: A Travel Photographer's Tales of Wanderlust." The book will be released on February 24th, 2024.

This compelling narrative details Autumn, a former flight attendant, reflecting on her extensive travels to 30 countries over the course of 30 years. From her early experiences as a student abroad to her roles as a flight attendant and travel agent, she brings the reader on a journey of personal growth, self-discovery, and the courage it takes to embrace the unknown.

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To celebrate the book's release, Autumn will host a meet and greet, book talk, and signing at the American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406, in Paulson Hall on February 25th, 2024, from 2-4 pm.”



Interview Questions

When did you start writing the book?

I traveled to a new country, England, in the fall of 2013. I was studying abroad in Canterbury and finishing my major in English Literature. Classes were on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with my time off being Friday-Monday. I decided to take advantage of the long weekends, and developed a goal to visit 13 countries in 13 weeks. Each weekend I would travel to a new country, recording everything that happened in my travel journal. Little did I know about ten years later, that journal would be used to kick off my first book!

How long did it take you to write it?

After each trip I'd take, I'd come home to record the travels in my journal. I continued this practice throughout being a flight attendant, travel agent, and further. However, actually sitting down to record each entry started the summer of 2020. It took countless re-writes, edits, and additions into the book that were consistent between 2020 through the end of 2023.

Were there any parts of the book where you struggled?

The hardest parts of the book weren't exactly the writing portion I'd say, but it was more along the lines of what I should cut. Originally, the book started out being over 110k words, but now it has settled right around 88k.

Where did you get the idea from?

I grew up near Chicago. When I was in high school, I took my first photography course, film photography. I borrowed my dad's old Nikon and was given weekly homework assignments to go out and shoot. During this time, I started to make friends in the class with the other "artsy" kids, and we ended up taking the train all around Chicagoland to complete our homework assignments each week! I think this prompted the catalyst for learning how to travel with friends, and soon enough I'd slowly learn how to travel solo.

Do you have a target reader?

I would say my target reader is one that enjoys travel or learning about travel. I've had a lot of interest from *Traveling in Wonder* come from those interested in learning how to travel, those who are already know the industry well, and anyone interested in learning tips and tricks about the airline and travel industry!

What would you like readers to know about you?

I would like readers to know that in my book, I also discuss mental health and how my life changed as I grew older due to being bullied as a kid. I learned how to get help, which I discuss in my book. I wanted to let readers know that it is OK to ask for help when you're struggling.