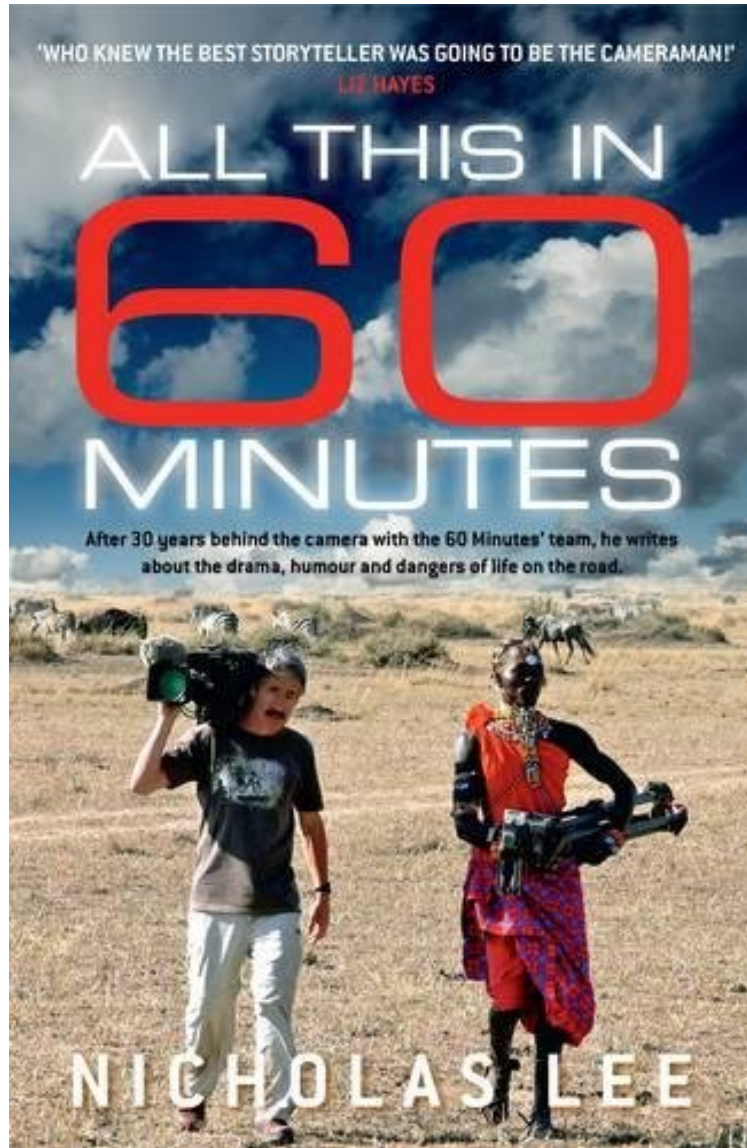


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**Nicholas Lee : All This in 60 Minutes** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised All This in 60 Minutes:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. funny, hopes he writes By brianwell written, funny, hopes he writes more 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. All This in One Book! By Wordfrenzy I, like millions of people, have watched "60 Minutes" for years. Have been stunned by the photography, riveted by the hard-hitting journalism and held my breath at the seemingly life-threatening situations portrayed on screen. But I also was sceptical about how

much was real and how much contrived. I mean, they wouldn't really make the journo and crew drop into a mother crocodile's nest and take the eggs with a ten metre mother watching. Would they? Yep. Apparently they would! This book is like a treasure chest ... when you lift the lid, it is bursting with so many unbelievable stories, you have to keep closing the lid to get your breath back. Nicholas Lee is the quintessential Aussie larrikin who just happens to be an amazing cameraman; one who doesn't let fear get in the way of shooting a great story. Mind you, the fear is there, through a stack of life threatening situations: being locked in a flimsy van while a huge polar bear is beating at the window and door with lunch on its mind, or in the midst of bombs in Iraq. Then there is the lifestyle of the men and women who live in a fantasy/nightmare world, so far removed from reality that mind-numbing intoxication seems to be the norm. But this isn't just someone chronologically outlining their experiences, Lee's writing is embarrassingly honest, incredibly funny and totally irreverent. His sense of humour and self-deprecation remind me of David Sedaris. His personality is etched into every scene and if he was a stranger when you started reading, he won't be by the last page. I am looking forward to his next book!

For more than thirty years Nicholas Lee worked as a cameraman on 60 Minutes, Australia's most-respected and most-watched current affairs program. *All This in 60 Minutes* is the revealing and often hilarious memoir of his time with the show - of the crazy days of unlimited expense accounts, unbelievably expensive hotels, the fun and fear on the road, the terrifying plane rides and the refugee camps and war zones. It goes inside the IRA, Idi Amin's torture cells, Israeli terrorist interrogations, royal palaces and mud huts. It recounts unforgettable trips on B52s, ultra lights, mock helicopters and the Orient Express. And details late, crazy nights with weird food, strange alcoholic concoctions and drugs on rollercoasters, as well as the madness and difficulty of being on the road for up to eight weeks with three other people who sometimes don't get on. And of course it wouldn't be 60 Minutes without all the meeting and mixing with the famous and infamous - from presidents, rock stars, despots, kings and princes, to showgirls, pygmies and manic, charismatic gurus. *All This in 60 Minutes* is compelling, funny and utterly eye-opening.

**About the Author** Nicholas Lee grew up in Central West NSW and worked as a cameraman for 10 years across a variety of news programs before joining Channel 9's 60 Minutes when it launched in 1979. Over the next 30 years, Nicholas Lee travelled extensively filming and living the world's major news stories, before retiring in 2009.