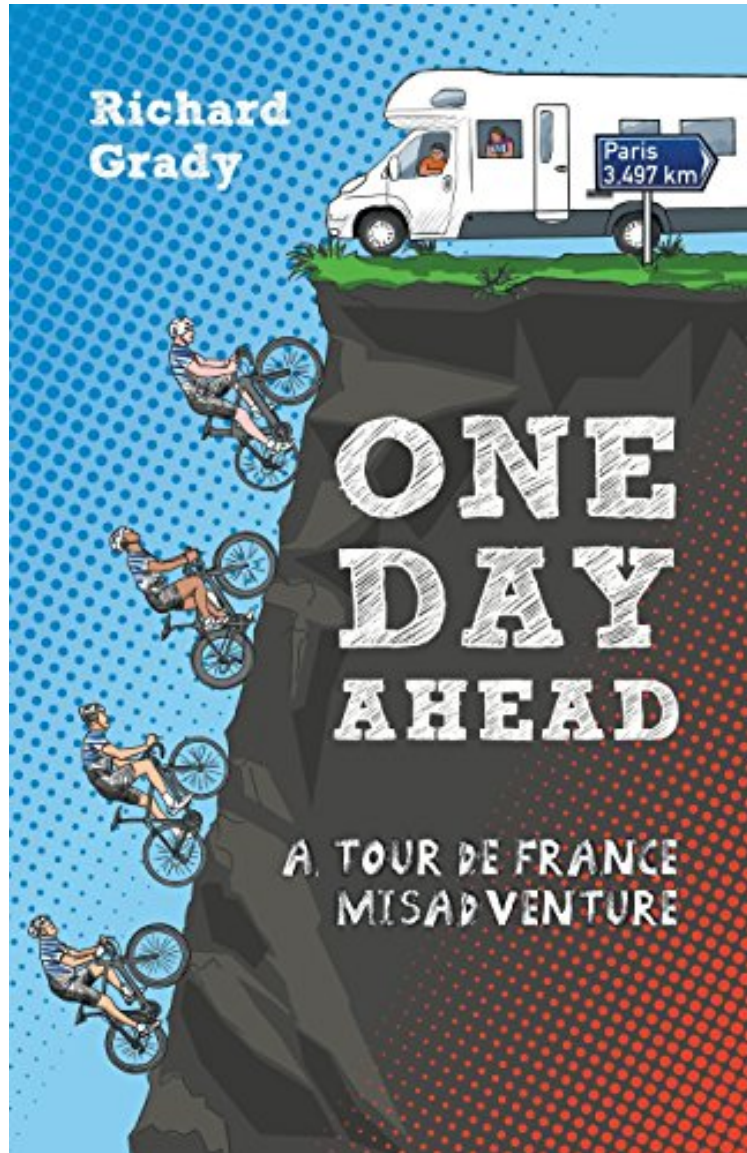


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Despite this, for Richard, the actual cycling made the journey worthwhile and, for the reader, the background into race history and events made for a great background to an event which was not quite what the author hoped for. Worth a read for fans of Le Tour, long distance cycling and human interaction. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Makes you want do Tour de France yourself! By CustomerA book about supporting a team of amateur cyclists around the real Tour de France route, might not sound too enticing, but do not let that put you off. There are more to this book than just a record of driving for 3 weeks around France. Spending considerable time every summer watching Tour de France, I am admittedly more interested than average. Yet, you need not have a burning interest for TdF to enjoy the book. I found the book great - both for inspiration to take on great challenges in general and for the stories about France, TdF historical events and quotes sprinkled in between. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Such an accomplishment! By Mike Beard This group will surely look back on this endeavor with pride. It was well written and a great read for a fellow bike enthusiast.

It didn't even seem like a good idea when first suggested so how did Richard Grady get hooked into a 5000 kilometre drive around France in a motorhome? Maybe it was the lure of the world's premiere cycle race - The Tour de France - or possibly the desire to help a friend that seduced him but somehow he found himself as a member of the backup team to four riders cycling the Tour route one day ahead of the professional racers. Driving hundreds of kilometres every day, performing a variety of mundane chores and dealing with the vagaries of his travelling companions all combined to create a three week journey he regretted from the start. In this hilarious account Richard relates the misadventures of the 'One Day Ahead' team as they battle with the challenge of cycling the 3,497 km Tour de France route and he and the stalwart Sara battle to give the riders the best possible chance of achieving their goal. Filled with amusing anecdotes and facts this is a fascinating insight into the Tour de France for avid fans and the general reader alike. 'One Day Ahead: A Tour de France Misadventure' was written on the suggestion of his psychologist girlfriend/therapist(!) after Richard struggled for two years to get over the experience. Every book sold helps.