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Bettina Selby : Riding North One Summer before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Riding North One Summer:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Cycle camping adventure through North of EnglandBy Eva WierzuchowskaI really enjoyed this book and being a long distance touring cyclist myself I was transported into another worldevery time I opened a page.Her descriptive writing skills enable the reader to completely experience every part of herjourney through some of the best and worst places of England. And she writes with humour, great intelligence andknowledge of British history. Her observations and compassion for the surrounding nature which she passesthrough on her way add immeasurably to her storytelling. I particularly recommend this book to anyone who lovescycle camping and touring in a free unhurried fashion and who appreciates the tremendous feeling of freedom,and independence of doing it alone.3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Good Selby, bad presentationBy DavidIf you enjoy others of Bettina Selby's wonderful cycling adventures, you will probably enjoy this one. She meanders west from London then north through the Midlands and on, enjoying every moment and chance encounter fully, as is her way. If you live in England or plan to visit it, you will glean a long list of places and things to check out, whether or not you are on a bike.Sadly, it needs also to be said that the production of this edition is absolutely abysmal. The typeface is ugly and the layout looks as if it was designed by somebody's child just learning to use PageMaker. Almost no hyphenation was used but the layout software doesn't know how to justify a line except by putting space between words, so _ there are __ often unsightly gaps _ between words. There has been no copy editing whatever; there are numerous typos and a systematic error in which all roman numerals "I" have been converted to

arabic digits "1" -- a serious problem when Selby so often talks about history. Every king's number is made silly: Richard the 111 and Edward the V11, and so on. Selby's spirit and her prose deserve much better.

Well known for her marathon bicycle rides along the Himalayas, to Jerusalem and down the Nile, Bettina Selby decided, in the summer of 1988, to explore England. Carrying with her a tent, a sleeping bag and as little as she needed for the outdoor life, she left London. Her outward journey took her through the Cotswolds, the Welsh Borders, Staffordshire and the Peak District: but the purpose of her journey was to explore the North - the country of St Cuthbert and Wordsworth, Beatrix Potter and the Venerable Bede - and it was in the Lake District, along Hadrian's Wall, in Lindisfarne and in Durham that she found the unchanging England of her memories; the England, too, of Sellafield and Teesside and a thousand exhaust fumes shimmering in the mountain air.