

KEY QUOTES from Book:

SIX LITTLES GO A LONG WAY

How one family joined the 1970s overlanders on a 15,000-mile journey halfway across the globe

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On the Boldness of the Journey:

"Whatever madness made my parents attempt this journey with so many little Littles, packed into a camper van, I will always be truly grateful for."

"This sets the benchmark then of what Becky and Julian Little regarded as too dangerous, though as our story unfolds, it becomes clear that not much else was off the table..."

On the Harsh Realities:

"Henry Kingsley described Nullarbor as 'a hideous anomaly, a blot on the face of Nature, the sort of place one gets into in bad dreams.' After four hours to set up camp, they collapsed, feeling rather depressed and wondering whether it was all worthwhile."

"The windscreen was shattered in four different places. The car was scarred by numerous dents and scratches and really looked a ghastly mess covered with mud and paint... One consolation, the roads were almost completely clear of traffic. Practically no-one was stupid enough to be driving."

"I had runs like I had never seen before. Pure water and I must have visited the loo at least six times. Beck did pretty well also. I was thirsty as anything and worrying about electrolyte imbalance."

On Danger and Fear:

"They crowded around the Van and started to rock it back and forth with every intention of overturning it. That really scared us."

"We were forced almost to a stop by a paint cart which was pushed into our path. We forced our way round, scraping it along our side while the crowd shouted in anger. This was supposed to be Holi Day where the throwing of paint was a sign of friendship, but now it was being used as an excuse for going mad."

"The men looked very menacing, not the kind of people to get on the wrong side of. It was very dry, the houses and numerous small little forts made of dried out mud."

On Wonder and Discovery

"Himalayas must have known we were leaving as it was clear all the way with majestic mountains towering over Katmandu behind the terraced fields and river. Peaceful tea break then pleasant drive to Pokhara where we saw the mountains in the moonlight."

"Afghanistan is a beautiful country; we first travelled across a green fertile plane full of colourful wildflowers with snow-capped mountains surrounding us. Then into the incredible Kabul gorge. How on earth a road was ever able to be engineered there I don't know."

"Thinking back, I don't remember ever getting bored, (though Dad may have a different story). We had our Lego and books and were experiencing so many new, wonderful, and sometimes frightening things. There simply wasn't time to get bored!"

On Low Moments:

"In Malaysia Becky reached a real low point and went off to a travel agent to find out the cost of tickets to fly home, only to return to camp even more depressed than before."

"After an age of walking with Andy bellowing, we disappeared into a Den like cafe; a small dark stuffy hole smothered in smoke. If there had been an airport nearby, I think I would have flown Home then and there."

"We were also worried whether the springs were going to stand up especially as we were already sitting on the rubber buffers. Tired, especially as Andrew had been vomiting all night."

On the Simple Pleasures:

"Had another lovely day. Went down along the 11-mile coast road to observation point; very beautiful. Kids played with canoe and Dad while I sat on the beach. Lovely two relaxing days."

"Relaxing day by beach -- just beautiful here. Would love to stay a month." (in Goa)

"It was lovely riding along through the forest at night and very peaceful."

"Peter had never seen snow before and wasn't very impressed with its coldness. I don't blame him. It was rather old and dirty."

"I can imagine me saying to Mark, 'This is pretty cool isn't it?!' Because it is just so symbolic of the amazing experience that these two boys, aged 6 and 7, were having: rather than being stuck in a boring classroom!"

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