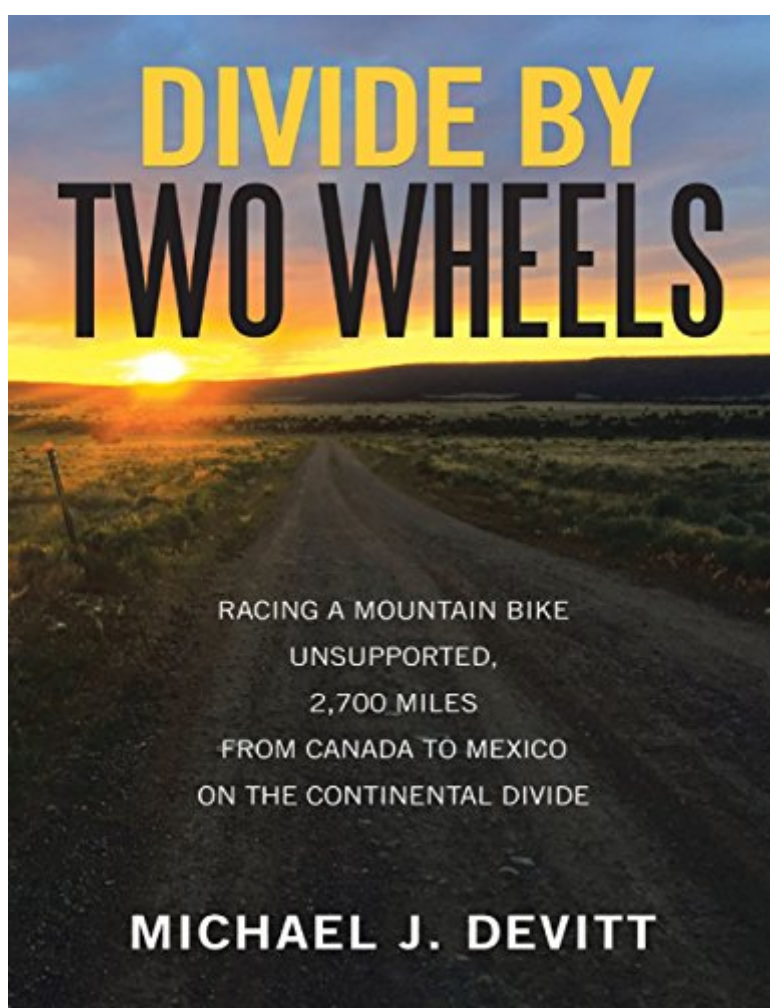


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# Divide By Two Wheels: Racing A Mountain Bike Unsupported, 2,700 Miles From Canada To Mexico On The Continental Divide



## Synopsis

Spanning 2,700 miles from Banff, Alberta, to Antelope Wells, New Mexico, the Great Divide Mountain Bike Route annually serves as the host for the Tour Divide Bikepacking race. With no awards or prize money for the winners and no entry fee, the Tour Divide is the ultimate athletic test of endurance and self-sufficiency in a battle against nature, the elements, breakdowns (both mechanical and mental), and fatigue, set against the beautiful backdrop of the Continental Divide. Divide by Two Wheels is the story of one man's experience in racing the 2016 Tour Divide, overcoming the adversities of the route and the challenges of equipment failure while making friends and experiencing the kindness of strangers along the way. This story of an epic adventure will have you dreaming of your own Tour Divide experience, learning what you are truly capable of with new challenges around every corner and over every summit.

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## Customer Reviews

Divide by 2 Wheels is another great addition to the books already written about the Tour Divide, a 2700-mile self-supported mountain bike race from Canada to Mexico. Michael has written an easy-to-read account about his 2016 race. This well-written book is full of details about

the trail. Each chapter includes one day of the race. You will learn about the ups and downs, both of the trail itself and the emotions that Michael goes through while out on the trail. This is a must read for any wannabe riders of the Tour Divide. I plan to do my rookie ride in 2018 and found this book very helpful, although it increased both my excitement and my trepidation in equal amounts about doing the race.

This is the fast paced and witty report of the author racing along the Continental Divide from Banff in Canada to the Mexican border. He tells the epic story of camaraderie and developing friendships. Of not enough sleep, bad food and hardships overcome. And of the amazing people he met along the trail of the Tour Divide 2016 mountain bike race. Reading this book is a breathless experience. One does not want to stop once the clock has started - just like the racers. Where will he stop for the night? Will he find shelter? Will he keep up with his fellow racers? Devitt tells a clear eyed story. He avoids romanticising and naive soul searching. To me, this is one of the best travel adventure books of recent times. It is written from a first-person perspective, each chapter covers a race day. Yes, it is a treasure trove of detailed information about the race, the gear used, the prescribed route and the stops along the way - without being nerdy. As such, it will be a helpful guide to prepare for anyone aspiring to participate in this epic race. But it is also much more.

Great stories, Michael does a fabulous job at placing you right there with him, on the trail. Seriously, very hard to put down this book. I can imagine the stories and insight provided in this book would be invaluable for a Tour Divide virgin - great tips, information and inspiration.

Love it! Recommend it to any other divide fans!

Splash some dirt, sweat and joy on your face. That's what will happen when you read Michael Devitt's *DIVIDE BY TWO WHEELS*. You will truly feel like you're there. *THERE* is along the 2700 mile route of the Tour Divide, a rough and tumble but oh so rewarding mountain bike race that pits man and woman against the remote and sometimes paved elements of the Rocky Mountains from Canada to Mexico. Michael completed the 2016 race with gusto and pride and *DIVIDE BY TWO WHEELS* is a splendid account of his experience. If you like bikes, or wished you could challenge yourself deep in the wilderness and along country roads, this book will leave you breathless...literally at times. I'm honored that he even included a small passage about our bike paths crossing in central Colorado. Michael is a passionate cyclist who enjoys the world around him

on two wheels. Read this book, share the book and read it again. Then go ride your bike just as Michael did.

A well written, humorous account of Michael's run of the 2016 Tour Divide race. Michael has done an excellent job of capturing the highs and lows of the race while throwing in a good dose of humor for good measure. Reading this brought back some excellent memories of the race for me, including some that I had forgotten. Enjoyable by anyone, including those who aren't cyclists.

Amazing journey! This book is a quick read but filled with turns and twists through all sort of terrains. The author takes you along on his journey with his words. I cried during the prologue but laughed and smiled through the rest. I've known it to inspire people to ride again, but for me, there's still that question "why in the world, would anyone in their right mind ever do something like that?"

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