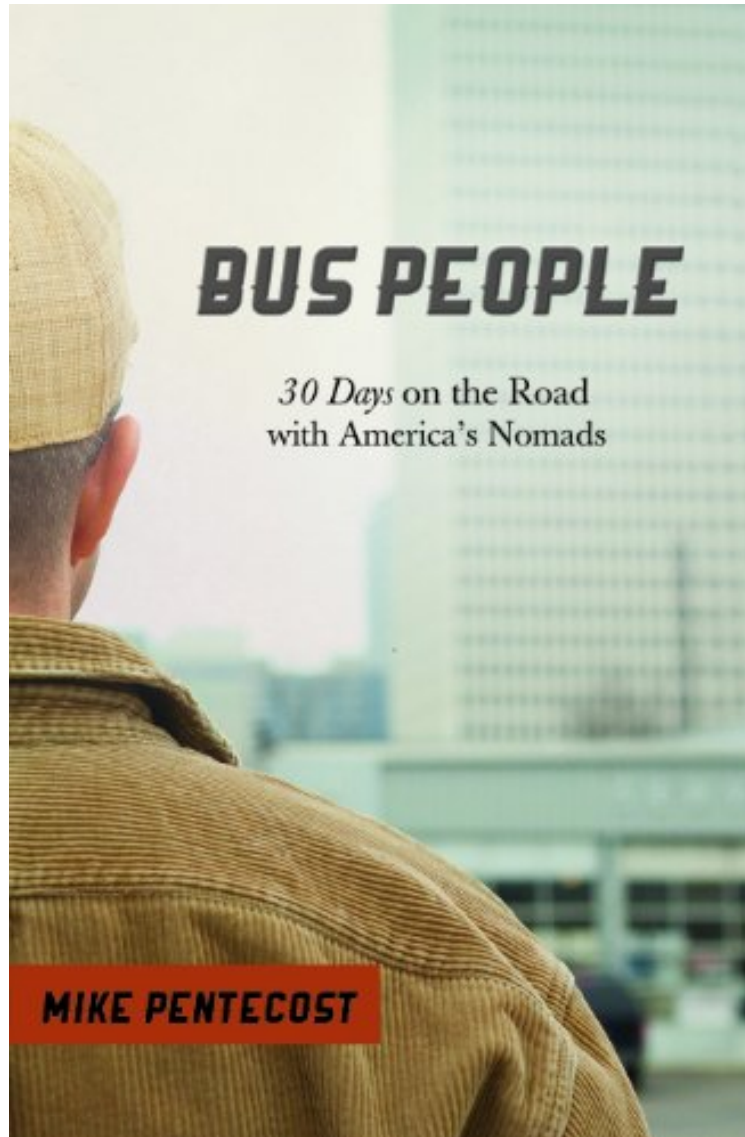


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10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. I haven't had this much fun on a bus since starring in that movie "Speed"By John W. PetersenJust kidding. That wasn't me. That was Keanu Reaves.Speaking of people who are not Keanu Reaves . . . Mike Pentecost has written an exceptionally fun book about his trip riding around the US in a Greyhound bus. This book is not just a chronological recap of names and places; nor is it just a fancy tour guide. Think

Kerouac's "On the Road" on steroids. Think America's song "Ventura Highway" backed by a 40-piece orchestra. Think Willy Nelson's song "On the Road Again", the heavy metal version. What I appreciate a lot about this book is the social commentary that accompanies the people and places. This reminds me a lot of another book I recently read, "The Great Typo Hunt", where two recent college grads traveled around the US, hunting down and correcting (if possible) any and all typos and grammatical errors they encountered on the way. They, too, kept a blog of their travels like Pentecost does, and they provided great social commentary as they progressed. Pentecost is not afraid to give his humorous opinion on things both mundane and profound. Best line in the book: "...I ran to get a burrito and use the bathroom. In retrospect, I should have just dumped the burrito straight into the toilet and cut out the middle man." Actually, the contextually-dependent wisecrack about Diamond Club membership having its privileges also had me laughing out loud. Another example of this commentary -- and one of my favorite parts of the book -- is the story of Donna, one of the Greyhound drivers, and how she is a shining example of someone standing far outside the "culture of distrust" so often prevalent in the world. All the ins and outs, all the ups and downs of continental bus travel make it into this book, from the simple costs of cigarettes varying in different locations, to the serious and somber issue of theft, an issue that unfortunately does not elude our intrepid hero on his trip. And when he eats at Mel's Diner in Reno, perhaps you too will excuse yourself, as I did myself, for expecting him to be served by Alice, Flo, or Vera. I even came up with a drinking game for this book. Every time one of the people the author meets says some variation of "Oh man, I've seen it all on the bus," you have to take a drink. And you will see it all too, when you read this book. Now see? Doesn't that sound like way more fun than a Keanu Reeves movie? 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. **Bus People** By Bob Metcalf Author, Mike Pentecost, has the ability to describe events and people so that the reader immediately can visualize what he is writing about. You can feel the compassion and care he has for his fellow riders. He empathizes with his bus companions in a way that gets you on the bus with them wishing them good luck and a safe journey. You get to know Scott, Tammy and Tucker and the other riders and Greyhound employees. You see that employees need to be better trained so that the bus company can better serve their customers. I would like to get to know Mr. Pentecost and personally thank him for taking the time to make this journey and write about this 30 days of his life. In a way this book is comparable to the great 1957 "Subways Are For Sleeping" that was made into a great Broadway musical in 1961. Way to go Mike Pentecost. You have hit a home run. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. **Great Summer Reading** By Billy from C-Bus Have you ever traveled by Greyhound bus? Did you swear to never make that mistake again? If yes, then you're in a group with me and a million other weary, wary, "fool me once," ex-Greyhound customers. But one man purposefully chose to get back on the bus again. And again. And again. Mike Pentecost spent a month traveling back and forth across the US aboard the "Big Dog." Except for the occasional clean hotel room, he lived among the riders, on the bus and in the terminals, day and night. Pentecost reveals the backstory of Greyhound's passenger manifests, where human commonalities and differences come crashing together. Gritty, sweet, funny, and sometimes scary, Pentecost's journal is easy reading that will make you take stock of your own travels down the road of life.

Have you ever ridden on a Greyhound Bus? If you have, this book will bring back some memories. If you haven't, prepare to hop alongside new author Mike Pentecost and join him for this 30 day adventure around America. **Bus People: 30 Days on the Road with America's Nomads** is a compelling look at life on the bus. Witty, compassionate and revealing, **Bus People** affords you the opportunity to get better connected with a community of people who live their lives in transition. The bus symbolizes hope and new beginnings for many. But, it is an uncomfortable, inconvenient and unpredictable mode of travel. **Bus People** focuses on the stories, the hopes, dreams and despair that accompany the 18 million passengers that Greyhound serves each year. Come along for the ride!