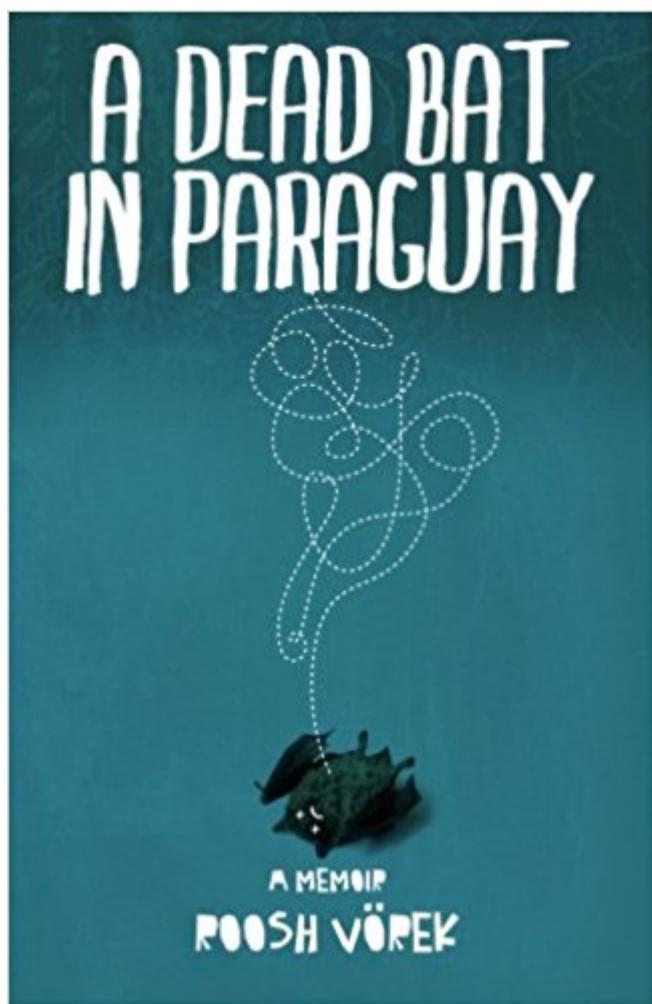


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A Dead Bat In Paraguay: One Man's Peculiar Journey Through South America



Synopsis

A Dead Bat In Paraguay is a true adventure story about a 28-year-old man who decided that the best way he could deal with his existential crisis was to sell his possessions, quit his professional career as a scientist, and hop on a one-way flight to Quito, Ecuador in order to visit every country in South America. He sincerely believed the trip would put him on a track towards a more fulfilling life of excitement, intrigue, and exotic women, away from his soulless corporate job in a Washington D.C. suburb. Instead, he humorously falls from one country to the next, striking out repeatedly with the local women, getting robbed, having bad dreams that became reality, self-diagnosing himself with a host of diseases, and suffering repeated bouts of stomach illness that made marathon bus rides superhuman feats of bodily strength. Along the journey he chronicles the friendships, the women, and the struggles, including one fateful night in Paraguay that he thought would lead to his end.

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Customer Reviews

What a waste of \$10...With one of my good friends embarking on a move to South America, I was keen to read some interesting books on the region, especially to raise my interest in travelling there. The only interesting thing about this book is the title. Which when you read the Paraguay chapter, you realise isn't actually interesting at all. He simply found a dead rat on his bed while in Paraguay. Big deal. (And he actually hated Paraguay and left the country as soon as humanely possible). The book is basically this: I planned to travel to all countries in South America (he didn't seem to reach Suriname or Guyana, but maybe I fell asleep by this stage), tried in vain to pick up any girl - local or foreign - at all, and experienced numerous ailments - both real and imagined. Don't

buy this book if you are looking for entertainment, or insights into South America. You'll be disappointed.

This is a really fun entertaining book, with a self deprecating sense of humor. Imagine a young Larry David before he was famous, broke and traveling through South America. He would have written book similar to this one. The plot is simple. A hopeless loser longs for some excitement in his life. In South America he gets more than he bargained for.

Well written book about Roosh's travels through South America and how he got started with his path to his current Notoriety. This is a very honest account and a fairly entertaining book. This is not a book about getting laid although that does take up about 20-30% of it. It has a lot of travel stories about the cities he visited. Because he is so honest in his accounts of the cities many people have called him out as not being culturally sensitive - but haven't you ready enough book where they feed you nonsense and blow smoke up your ass about various cities without giving you the full picture? Travel books don't always give you the straight talk on things - this one does. He doesn't candy coat how things are in South America. If you can appreciate that, you'll appreciate the book. Some of the stories drone on for a while and are a bit boring in their detail but if you enjoy travel a lot you'll likely enjoy most of it. He has very little game during this time (or at least I don't think he did) so if you are expecting a book on how to show you how to get laid don't bother, this isn't the book. It's not a ground breaking book in any way but it is an honest account of a real life travel experience with all its ups and downs.

I've been reading Roosh's blog since the old DC Bachelor days a decade ago. It kind of goes through cycles of being really good and sort of stale and somehow I missed this book when it first came out. I finally got around to reading it recently and came in with very low expectations. The author's "bang guides" are excellent and to the point and he was insightful to spot this opening for an unfilled niche when he did but this doesn't necessarily translate over to composing something with a compelling narrative, especially when the memoir subject is chasing girls in South America. Fortunately, this book vastly exceeded my expectations. Although he was semi-established as a "PUA guru" by the time he made this trip to South America, the differences of culture basically send him back to square one. This turns out to be fortunate, as it makes the narrative more relatable for someone like me (and I suspect most guys who devote unreasonable portions of their mortal lives to getting their egos smashed as they try to crawl out of sexual oblivion, yet see only the tiniest

marginal improvements as fruits of their efforts). Roosh gets robbed, develops a chronic intestinal problem, sits cramped through day-long bus rides, and shivers in the cold due to his lack of foresight in packing for high altitudes. Meanwhile he is blown out by women left and right, including even the supposedly easy backpacker girls staying at the hostels. As for Venezuelan girls? Forget it. His tone of honesty is refreshing throughout all this. He constantly asks himself what the hell he is doing with his life, and in doing so, pulls the anxious reader into the same soul-searching process he is undergoing. My biggest criticism of the book is that the absurdist tone starts to unravel when he reaches Brazil. He finds the perfect girl he's been looking for only to realize that maybe that isn't what he wanted after all and when ensues is mostly awkward prose. The later stages of the book feel kind of contrived and forced like he is trying to find a way to wrap up the dramatic arc of the story, but his efforts are not very effective. Overall, though, I still would recommend this book to the unmarried young adult male faced with the seeming emptiness of adulthood. You will laugh and suffer along with the author on a transcontinental journey.

This book was just strange. He obsesses over this one girl but does not want to commit to her, and obsesses just as much over sleeping with as many women as he can (while secretly feeling guilty about the one girl). The title has to do with one tiny insignificant moment in the story that he aggrandizes so that we can ponder over its meaning. It means nothing. He just saw a dead bat in his room in Paraguay. I find Roosh V to be an interesting character and intriguing to follow, and I agree with some of his opinions. But I couldn't get into this "book." If this is all it takes to make a book these days, there's going to be a lot of trash to sift through.

Interesting book, especially if you're about to travel to south america as a young guy. Like Roosh I always have too high expectations about travel. This book made me lower them, which is a good thing I think, in order to enjoy the trip more. Some parts of the book were a bit drawn out but it's worth sticking with it for the powerful ending. The feeling reading the epilogue gave me can be described by the untranslatable portuguese word 'saudade'.

Roosh is a bad writer. This is not a good story nor good pickup guide. I would not recommend at all

Outstanding travel tale. Laugh out loud funny page after page with a twist at the end.

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