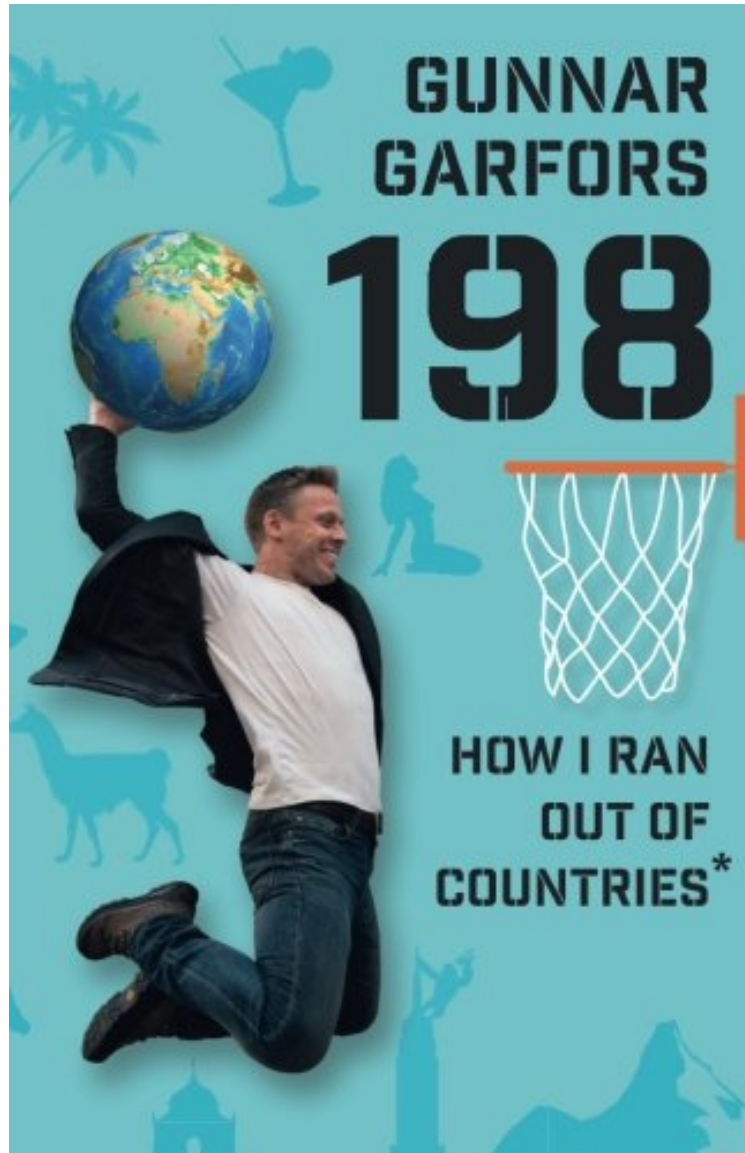


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27 of 28 people found the following review helpful. Fairly major flawsBy S. CrawfordThis book could be so much better. Not a terrible read, but I just had to stop about 3/4 of the way through because I just couldn't stand it any longer. That being said, there are some reasons to buy and read.Pros:-Author writes about each country with a voice of experience.-He focuses on people, rather than places. I like this because you can read about places online, and personal

interactions can be more interesting at times.-As the title implies, you will truly get some (limited) information about every country you can imagine.Cons:-The author is not as culturally open as you would want. My biggest issues are the complaints about "fat and stupid Americans." I think we all dislike a stereotype, but shouldn't someone who travels worldwide know that a stereotype is just that? Besides, if you're trying to sell to the US, shouldn't you re-phrase things? If I were selling to Norway, I would be careful not to complain about Norwegians.-Gunnar is a single guy looking for a party. The familiar story of women wanting him and the parting gets pretty old. How can you know about a country when all you do is visit seedy bars?-He really takes advantage of his blond-haired, blue-eyed, foreigner status to meet girls. Yes, I've been to a ton of emerging markets, though only about 50 countries. And SURPRISE - people in poor countries will do quite a bit to marry a relatively rich foreigner. Is it ethical to take advantage of this or use it to stroke your ego? Not in my book.I agree with the other reviewers who said that the translation is poor.. so is the editing and the layout. However, this isn't a top quality book and I didn't expect it to be much more than a blog, so I'm ok with these issues. However, I don't recommend unless you want to hear the same "good-looking guy goes to a foreign bar" story re-hashed in 198 different ways.3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. It's a regular book with some discriminat quotes about other countriesBy PilarThe book is good but i've found some kind of discrimination or prejudice about other countrie's culture or costumes by the author.He is not a great writer but he describes well some experiences he had in all the countries he visited.It's ok but it isn't the best travel book i've read3 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Great stories, poorly edited.By Samuel B. WilburIt is such a shame the author did not have an American or British editor review the book before publication. The stories are excellent, but the prose is often awkward syntax, or idioms that may make sense in Norwegian, but not in English. Also might have been sensible to leave outthe sections insulting Americans as yokels, since they make up over half of your target market for a book published in English. Great stories, impressive accomplishment, needs serious re-editing.

This book was finally professionally copyedited in August, 2016. Gunnar Garfors has visited all 198 countries in the world - as the youngest hobby traveler - and has encountered people, places and situations most can only dream of. The globetrotter has deftly woven his experiences together into a story that takes the reader on an emotive ride and establishes a connection with him and his quest. Expect outrageous tales grouped in original themes, complete with own chapters for every country. Gunnar's adventures include several travel world records and he has been featured by CNN, Huffington Post, BBC World, Daily Mail and many more media outlets in 100+ countries. He is a travel reporter and quizmaster for Norway's biggest radio show and regularly presents at media or travel events world-wide. The author on Twitter: @garfors

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