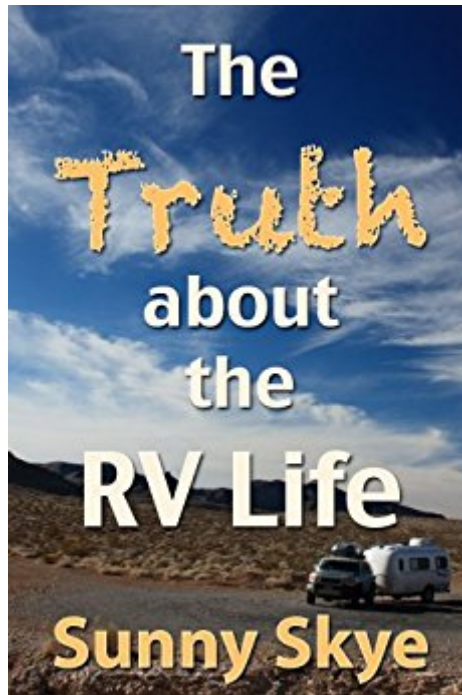




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The Truth About The RV Life



Synopsis

Have you been bit by the RV bug? Do you spend hours reading blogs on living the RV life, blogs that go on and on about a life of freedom and travel? Do you go to RV shows and wander through the huge homes on wheels, dreaming that you're steering one of the huge beasts to wherever your heart desires? It's easy to get caught up in what RV expert Sunny Skye calls the RV hype—for example, you'll wake up every morning looking out your window at beautiful views of nature, you'll meet interesting people you can sit around a campfire with and trade foil dinner recipes, and you'll be able to travel to places you've always wanted to see. What the RV marketers don't tell you is the other side of the nomadic lifestyle coin—the mechanical problems by the side of the road, the constant searching for water and a place to camp, the uncertainty of having just anyone able to walk up to your rig in the middle of the night—well, in short, the truth about the mobile lifestyle. Sunny has been RVing since she was a kid, and she'll show you how to assess if the nomadic lifestyle is for you in an unbiased and educated manner, balancing the pros and the cons. She does this by walking you through the most common steps in the RV life:

The Awakening: You first start to realize the RV life exists. **Plotting and Researching:** Trying to decide whether or not RVing is the lifestyle for you. Thinking about the ways you could do it and whether or not it would be suitable. **Getting the Rig:** The stage where you actually look at rigs, eventually buying one. This stage may take a long time, though typically it's not like the previous stages, as you're now committed to doing this. **The First Uncertain Months:** You've begun the RV life and are either loving it or questioning it. Life is good, even though there may be lots of bugs to work out, such as how certain things work. **Settling In:** The newness has worn off and you're feeling competent in your abilities to handle things. **Getting Homesick and/or Lonely:** Once in awhile you have a pang of missing your old life or house or the people you left behind. **Hard Times:** You're becoming more comfortable with it all, then something happens, throwing things off kilter. This phase always makes you wonder if you should stay on the road. **Happy Times:** You've solved the problem and are back on track and really enjoying the RV life. **Burnout:** This can come in many forms, but the general feeling is that you're tired of living this way and need a change. **Another Awakening:** It occurs to you that you don't have to keep RVing and can go back to a house or apartment, or even a plot of land with your RV on it. **Plotting and Researching a Different Life:** You want to get off the road. This stage is similar to when you were thinking about getting onto the road, but in reverse. **Getting Off the Road:** The cycle is complete. You're now back in a house and no longer want to RV, for various reasons. You may now

decide to sell your rig, though you may keep it for short vacations or weekend travel only. And you may eventually decide to go full-time again. Of course, not all RVers go through these steps or in this order, but Sunny gives you a good look at what you can expect on your RV journey. And if you're one of those who ends up staying on the road forever, you'll start out ahead of the game by knowing what to expect. This book makes a good companion to Sunny's other books, especially "Living the Simple RV Life," "RVing with Pets," and "Tales of a Campground Host." You'll also enjoy "Any Road USA: Living a Life of Freedom on the Road," by Sunny's friend, Bob Davidson.

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this is the book for you. and it gave you some truths, but in a very basic way - i found it almost insulting many times when the write explained basic common sense items (ie: don't drive off road, be aware of changing seasons & think twice before driving to Montana in Feb). felt like a lot of filler. i would have loved to learn more about insurance, how to distribute weight, what it's really like when you're searching for a seasonal job, etc. i was hoping for more depth than a rehash of common sense.

This is the first RV lifestyle book that I have read, that actually tells you The Good, the Bad, the Ugly. It's a No Nonsense Book with research intelligence and written in a level that is enjoyable and yet everyone can understand. You can apply the knowledge that's in this book to your life and it will certainly enhance the RV lifestyle. If you're looking for book about RV lifestyle this is the one to get. If you buy this one, you really won't need another one. The author doesn't go too much into camping sites or discounts or things of this nature. This book deals more with the everyday life the ups and downs situations that you're going to come across and how to deal with mentally physically and monetarily. I would love to meet the author someday.

This book is written by someone that has many years experience, in many different RVs and lays it all out for you to see how it really is living on the road. For people thinking of starting the lifestyle or even those that have been on the road for year or more, every mental phase is covered. Great information for those on the fence deciding what to do.

This is not a "everything is wine and roses" read. Sunny tells like it is, the good, the bad and the ugly. If you are a boomer retiree looking to get in RVing this book is for you. I have RVed for 20 years (never full timed) and met a few disillusioned newbies. This book will help center you and probably keep you from making some wrong choices or assumptions.

How refreshing it was to read a book about how life REALLY is as a full-timer. The RV brochures show you the beautiful sunsets, the wildlife, the perfect days with always perfect weather, but Sunny discusses the other side as well. There will be fears and doubts about getting on the road, living the lifestyle and maybe coming back off the road at some point, or not. The book discusses the phases we go through psychologically and emotionally, how this is common to many full-timers, and how to deal with it. This may be the most useful part. I have read several of Sunny's books and find them all useful and fun.

The author made some good observations about the psychology of full time RV life. Everyone is usually concerned about the RV, where to park it, and how much fuel it will take to get there. This book is meant for those in the dreaming stage of full timing - things you should ask yourself to make sure this is the right lifestyle for you.

Wish it were longer. Keep adding anecdotes It's good to see an RV'ing book that takes this approach. If you read this book, then one or two other's, you should be able to decide about choosing a full-time RV life and be able to take the right steps to avoid or reduce the negative impact of the 'difficult' aspects of the lifestyle. I highly recommend this book. Thanks Sunny!

This book really makes you think about life on the road as opposed to numerous RV blogs I've read that are always glowing and happy. It doesn't make your thoughts necessarily more negative toward RV'ing, but points out that life does indeed have ups and downs on the road just like everywhere else.

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