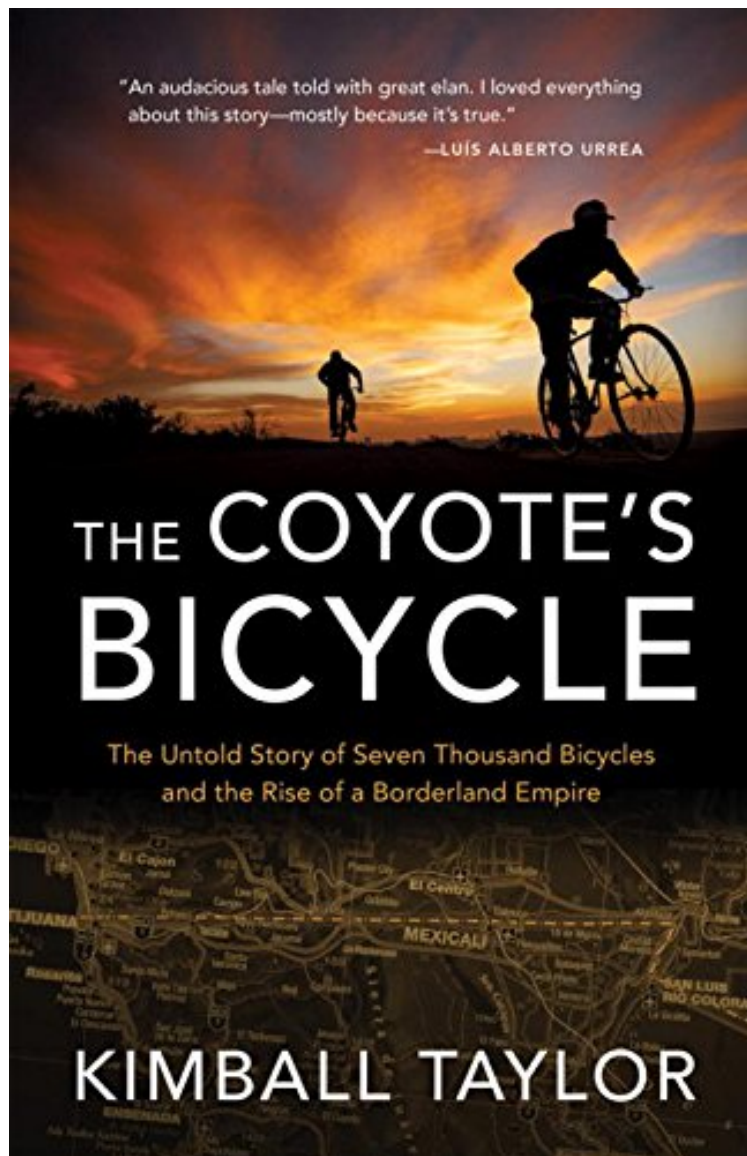


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**Kimball Taylor : The Coyote's Bicycle: The Untold Story of 7,000 Bicycles and the Rise of a Borderland Empire** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Coyote's Bicycle: The Untold Story of 7,000 Bicycles and the Rise of a Borderland Empire:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. But they themselves know it does no good. They do it just so the people will ...By J. EastmanThe true story that Kimball Taylor relates is as intriguing as it is revealing about the situation on our southern border. Our new President swears he will build a wall and make Mexico pay for it but to what end? Listen to what one man in the book has to say about a border "wall". "The United States government does visible, grandiose things in order to be seen," Julian said, "like the enormous walls they build. But they themselves know it does no good. They do it just so the people will see they are doing something to combat the flow." In other words, the flow of migrants from our southern neighbors is unstoppable. As long as there are those suffering oppression or poverty in their home countries there are people who are willing to do anything to reach the U.S. The book doesn't delve into stories about the migrants attempting to cross the border but rather on those that help them do it. Some of them, like the "hero" of this book, do it in an honorable manner and take care of their "chickens" unlike the ones we usually read about who strand people in trucks and abandon them to their fate. An eye opener for sure.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Truth is stranger than fictionBy azv1rMy bicycle was stolen a few years ago. I can now imagine what happened to it.Kimball Taylor stumbled upon a complex tale of human trafficking along the US-Mexico border when he stumbled across thousands of abandoned bicycles in the canyons and ranches immediately north of the border. While others took the existence of these bikes for granted, he thought to wonder how they came to be there.Taylor's storytelling almost makes you forget the years of research it took to follow the bikes on a trail that was dangerous, and almost non-existent at times.Refreshingly, the facts are retold without judgement as to whether the border issues are right or wrong. I did find the story a bit dry at times and a bit hard to follow. Nevertheless, it's a fascinating look into another world!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Exceedingly WonderfulBy CustomerI really do not write many reviews. The exceptions are products that are exceedingly wonderful or those that just suck. This book is exceedingly wonderful. The author tells many stories that are layered. The plot goes backwards, forward, and sideways. This makes for a very interesting read. This is also a very timely revelation about what is going on at our border. It seems to me building a gigantic wall is a waste of money because as someone in the book says: "It is all smoke and mirrors. There is always another way."

For readers of Jon Krakauer and Susan Orlean, *The Coyote's Bicycle* brings to life a never-before-told phenomenon at our southern border, and the human drama of those who would cross.It wasnt surprising when the first abandoned bicycles were found along the dirt roads and farmland just across the border from Tijuana, but before long they were arriving in droves. The bikes went from curiosity, to nuisance, to phenomenon. But until they caught the eye of journalist Kimball Taylor, only a small cadre of human smugglers?coyotes?and migrants could say how or why theyd gotten there.This is the story of 7,000 bikes that made an incredible journey and one young man from Oaxaca who arrived at the border with nothing, built a small empire, and then vanished. Taylor follows the trail of the border bikes through some of societys most powerful institutions, and, with the help of an unlikely source, he reconstructs the rise of one of Tijuanas most innovative coyotes. Touching on immigration and globalization, as well as the history of the US/Mexico border, *The Coyotes Bicycle* is at once an immersive investigation of an outrageous occurrence and a true-crime, rags-to-riches story.

Just when you think you know every border story imaginable, Kimball Taylor shows up with this book of madness. It's an audacious tale told with great elan. I loved everything about this story mostly because it's true. Can one bicycle change the world? Maybe not, but Kimball Taylor knows with love, no border is impermeable. - Luis Alberto Urrea, author of *THE DEVIL'S HIGHWAY: A True Story*Journalist Taylordeftly guides readers overla fronteraand back again, many times, to unravel the story behind the thousands of bikes of all shapes and sizes abandoned over the years along the Mexican-U.S. border. . . a place that's as complex as it is enchanting. - Publishers WeeklyKimball Taylor's gift at capturing human stories in a manner as captivating as fiction transforms this Quixotic journey into a landmark work on the recent history of human smuggling into the United States. - World Literature TodayKimball Taylor brings us along on a deeply researched and richly detailed journey to our southern border, and in the process enlightened me with every turn of the page.*The Coyote's Bicycle* is not unlike a swift downhill mountain bike ride through no-man's land. - Eric Blehm, New York Times Best Selling Author of *Legend*, *Fearless*, and *The Only Thing Worth Dying For*What an improbable, richly peopled saga! Kimball Taylor follows his hunch so deep into the world of pollerosand the borderlands where they do their human smuggling that youll forget youre reading non-fiction. El Indio, his clients, the authorities, and the harsh country they all do battle withnot to mention all the merry, ubiquitous bicycles rolling through the storythis completely original concoction reads like Latin American magical realism, except its reported-out and grounded in fact. Wonderful stuff. - William Finnegan, author of *Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life* and *Cold New World: Growing Up in a Harder Country*About the AuthorKimball Taylor is the author of *Return by Water: Surf Stories and Adventures*, as well as, *Drive Fast and Take Chances: Fair Warning from Surfers*. Hes a long-time contributor to *Surfer Magazine*. Taylor has co-authored history books on Pipeline and Jeffreys Bay. Taylor holds a BA in Journalism and a MFA in Creative Writing. He has taught writing courses at San Diego State University and is an

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