

**Review of Sam Manicom's travel book
'Distant Suns'**

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'I have read a few travel books and some have been such flamboyant attempts to sound impressive they have been put back on my bookcase for another day and needless to say they have remained there. However in this case I couldn't put Sam's book down, as I read it wasn't so much a case of 'being there' as you wanted to fill your bike tank and 'go there' as soon as possible.

If we were riding in Africa passing through a remote village we would use all our senses to soak up the smells, sights, sounds and emotion of the moment but Sam has the ability to put down on paper what his eyes see and his heart feels when he engages with different cultures and manages to communicate that to the reader with great clarity.

One aspect of this book that I feel will always be a key element for me is that it will encourage motorcyclists to push the boundaries of their riding, go that little bit further and truly experience the thrill of adventure on two wheels. It may have been Brighton or Scotland last year but our world is full of destinations waiting to be discovered.

Through reading 'Distant Suns' I feel I have met with Sam Manicom and begun to know the man behind the book, an added privilege indeed.

I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in other cultures, travel and the highs and lows of motorcycling. Need a gift for a friend? I wouldn't hesitate to buy it.'