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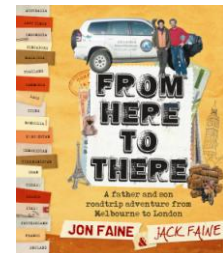
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A tale of extreme adventure, a supercharged road trip, father-son bonding and mid-life crisis all woven into one life-changing journey

FROM HERE TO THERE

Jon and Jack Faine

In June 2008 ABC Radio host Jon Faine and his son, Jack, left their jobs, studies, family and friends, took six months and fulfilled a long-held dream to drive overland from Melbourne to London. ***From Here to There*** is their intelligent and funny account of a father and son odyssey: 39,321 kilometres in their 4x4 across twenty countries, including some of the least-visited places on Earth. From their front gate in inner-city Melbourne to Piccadilly Circus, they drove as much of the overland route as can be driven — only Darwin to Dili was by ship.



Together they island-hopped through Indonesia into Southeast Asia, across China and into the Gobi Desert in Mongolia in a snowstorm. They negotiated the Silk Road through Kashgar, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, wove around the shores of the Caspian Sea and headed into Europe through Turkey. They learned to say thank you in thirty languages, ate bark and ox blood and dog and worms and pig's ears and eel and curries so hot they nearly fell off their chairs. They bribed police in five countries, ignored parking tickets in another six and got lost pretty much everywhere.

Jon says, 'So many of us wish we could take time out, but not often do we take the plunge. And could you survive six months travelling with your offspring? Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, eating, sleeping, arguing and laughing?'

Walking away from a daily radio show breaks all the rules of working in the media, but Jon did just that and survived not only the dangers on the road but the career risk as well. 'Somehow, I convinced myself it was a good idea. Somehow, I convinced myself it was do-able. It was total folly and it was the best thing you can ever do. I wouldn't do it again but I would recommend it to anyone. Travel with your kids is the best thing you can do together. The return on that risky investment is incalculable.'

JON FAINE IS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW

About the authors:

After seven years as a lawyer, Jon Faine joined the ABC in 1989 and has been the Morning host on 774 ABC Melbourne since 1997. Known for his provocative and probing debate, quick wit and willingness to ask the stickiest of questions, he consistently delivers thought-provoking commentary on important social issues.

Jack Faine is an Arts student at the University of Melbourne. Known for his capacity to put his father in his place, he has written several chapters of the book and took most of the photos.

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