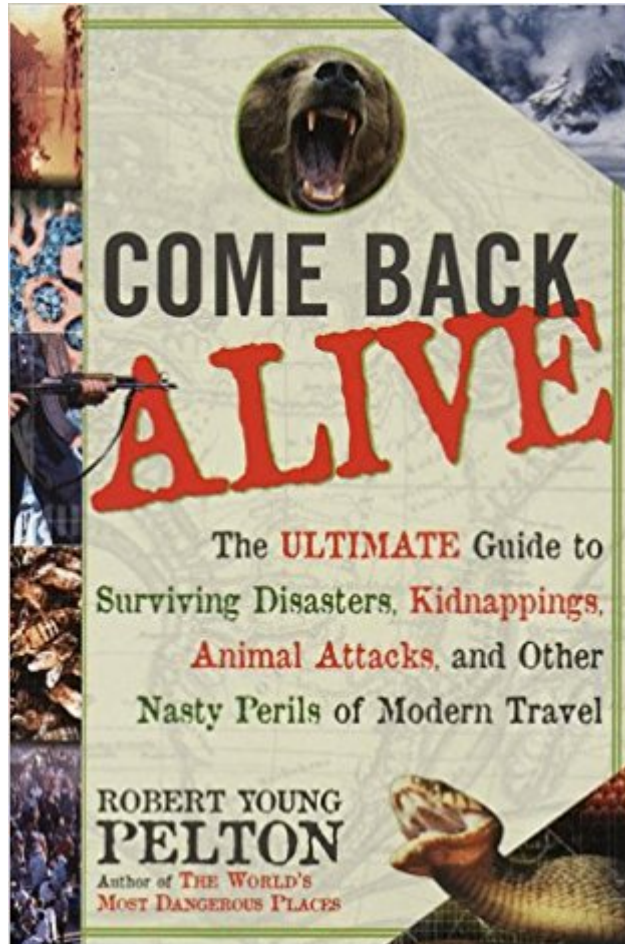




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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Come Back Alive isn't exactly a book that inspires you to dive into the delights of traveling. Robert Young Pelton is best known for his previous book, *The World's Most Dangerous Places*, and has survived numerous calamities--from car wrecks and a plane crash to killer bees. That he has indeed come back alive does initially lend credence to his advice--which includes what to eat in the bush, which animals are most deadly, and how to avoid being kidnapped. Pelton's survival tips and facts range from the obvious (if thirsty in the desert, look for greenery) and the interesting (deer send some 16,000 humans to the hospital annually by causing auto accidents), to the patently absurd. While he may be most helpful when writing about nature, Pelton--a worldwide traveler--comes off as colorfully clueless when he heads out to urban destinations. While advising travelers to travel lightly, he recommends loading oneself onto a plane thusly: "Use a soft, legal-sized carryon bag. Wear a larger than normal waist pack with heavy items, use a correspondent's vest to stuff in other heavy items, clothes, and fragiles. Carry a second laptop bag ... filled with reading material, CD player, whatever...." Not only does this sound like an Olympic feat, it also contradicts his advice not to look like a tourist. As for how to surreptitiously conceal cash, Pelton recommends rolling it up in straws. That's right, straws. Certainly original, but the presence of numerous straws in a suitcase seems a likely way to ensure your luggage is ripped apart for cocaine. If carrying it on your person, what does one do to dislodge a bill from the straw, toot it at the cashier? Nevertheless, with its charts (of average miles walked by a lost person), quizzes (are you a leader?), and occasionally insightful information, *Come Back Alive* is a remarkable journey through Danger Land (a.k.a. the modern world), and one that is sure to help enliven any cocktail party with its informational icebreakers. "I'm reading the oddest book," you might begin, "which recommends carrying money in straws...."

--Melissa Rossi

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I read Come Back Alive and I'm back for more. Prior to this book, the best advice I had to go on was from other travelers. By that time, it was too late. Things already went wrong. This book narrowed down what I really needed to know. How not to be an American tourist target. How not to get taken and cross my name off the List. How to handle myself with not-so friendly foreign customs agents. This book gave me the street wise self-confidence necessary to talk my way out of sticky situations. When English is your primary language in a French-speaking country, you have to know how to handle it. When the situation presented itself, I was prepared for the follow up questioning. Something I never would've imagined. If you travel, you've got to know this stuff. I read survival manuals and other books but most of the content was irrelevant to me. Those books didn't prepare me for what happened. After Come Back Alive, I was prepared to venture out in Pelton's "World's Most Dangerous Places."

Unlike many survival books, adventure traveler Robert Young Pelton takes into account situations beyond the usual lost-in-the-woods scenario. He discusses hazards in the home, while driving or flying, from muggers, kidnappers, and more. It covers some gaps in other writer's work although it's not as detailed on the more familiar topics.

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Reading this book is like a review of common sense and then more, a lot more. An excellent way to pass on great knowledge to a traveling son or daughter that believe Mom and Dad "don't know anything, it's not really like that out there." Great wisdom for everyone to have, captured in an easy to understand format.

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