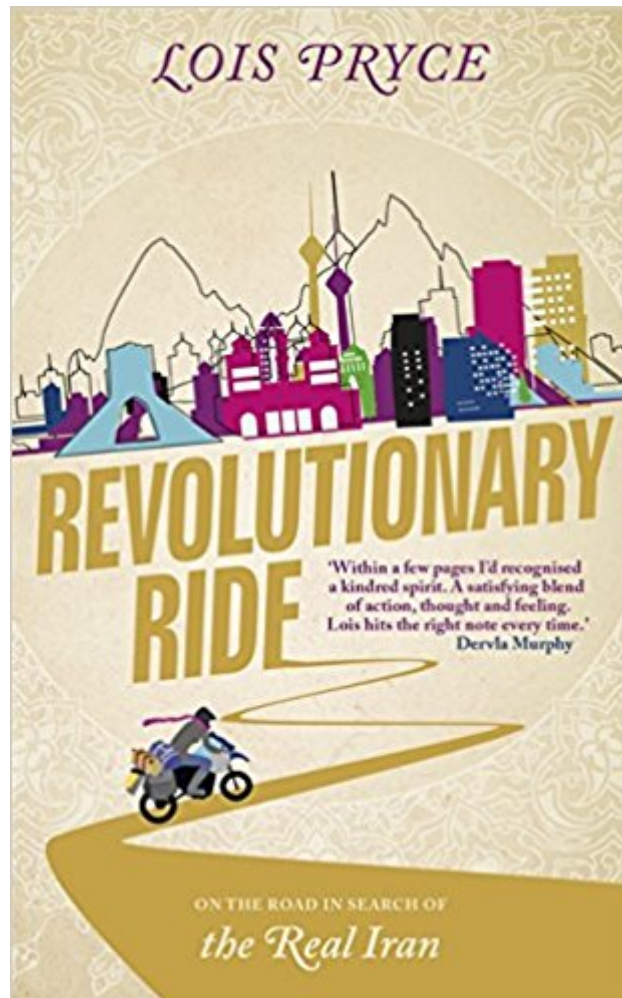




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Revolutionary Ride: On The Road In Search Of The Real Iran



Synopsis

In 2011, at the height of tension between the British and Iranian governments, travel writer Lois Pryce found a note left on her motorcycle outside the Iranian Embassy in London:... I wish that you will visit Iran so you will see for yourself about my country. WE ARE NOT TERRORISTS!!! Please come to my city, Shiraz. It is very famous as the friendliest city in Iran, it is the city of poetry and gardens and wine!!! Your Persian friend, Habib Intrigued, Lois decides to ignore the official warnings against travel (and the warnings of her friends and family) and sets off alone on a 3,000 mile ride from Tabriz to Shiraz, to try to uncover the heart of this most complex and incongruous country. Along the way, she meets carpet sellers and drug addicts, war veterans and housewives, doctors and teachers - people living ordinary lives under the rule of an extraordinarily strict Islamic government. *Revolutionary Ride* is the story of a people and a country. Religious and hedonistic, practical and poetic, modern and rooted in tradition - and with a wild sense of humour and appreciation of beauty despite the comparative lack of freedom - this is real contemporary Iran.

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hilarious, always warm-hearted testament. That will do it for you. Thank you Lois, so much." •Ted Simon, author of 'Jupiter's Travels'"Within a few pages I'd recognised a kindred spirit. Tourist-free solo travelling, lo-fi equipment including real maps instead of gadgets, a satisfying blend of action, thought and feeling, well-timed references to or quotes from one of my own heroines since I was a teenager. That central theme - the distinction between government and people - is not easy to maintain but it seemed to me Lois hit the right note every time." •Dervla Murphy, author of 'Full Tilt'"Lois Pryce's motorbike takes her into corners of modern Iranian life that are full of the unexpected." •James Buchan, author of 'Days of God: The Revolution in Iran and Its Consequences'Long before the relaunch of BA's Tehran flights signalled a thumbsup to travel, Lois Pryce was gadding about the country on a motorbike. •Sunday TimesPryce writes as she acts, with an easy ebullience, and this makes interesting things happen to her. Revolutionary Ride is likeable because she admits her ignorance and follows her nose. •Daily TelegraphThe story of an epic journey that takes the myths and unravels them first hand. •Motorcycle Sport & LeisureThis is a proper travelogue - a joyful, moving and stereotype-busting tale. •National Geographic TravellerLois Pryce writes with all the exuberance and verve with which she dons her helmet and takes to the road. •Benedict Allen

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If I could, I would give this book half a dozen stars--or even more. I loved Lois Pryce's previous two motorcycle adventure memoirs. But this tale is less a motorcycle adventure story than a contemporary politic-anthropological study of modern Iran. After reading it, I sent a copy of "Revolutionary Ride" to a friend who is a retired naval intelligence officer with extensive travel experience in the middle east--and who is fluent in French, Farsi, and Persian. He reported to me that he could not put the book down. Pryce's account will open your eyes to what Iran is REALLY like--not the Iran of the press, nor the Iran of either western or Islamist propaganda. My hat is again off to the intrepid Lois Pryce who boldly goes where few women have gone before. She has always been both plucky and lucky; but in this book we see that what looks like good fortune is largely the open-hearted, open-minded and generous spirit of people in "enemy" territory. The average men and women of Iran are not anti-Western, anti-British or anti American, and they are no more fond of

their oppressive and repressive government than we are. If I had 1/10 of Lois's courage, I'd go to Iran too!

Everyone should read this who cares about the fate of the world. It is basically about the reality of real people, versus the image we get of other nations, as projected by the media and our governments. The world is much sweeter than it looks in the papers. Also, this is a story of inspiration. Lois is her own, sacred kind of daredevil on a social level, a diplomat for humanity itself. Her work (which does strongly resemble a series of vacations, but if you read it you'll see it's work, too) is globally important, and much needed. Her story will show you what a lone woman can do, if she steps on out there and does it.

Beautifully written by a fearless adventurer. This is the kind of book that you will want to savor slowly. Read a chapter and reflect before picking up where you left off. Proves that people of the world are not represented by their hard line governments. Lois is no Thatcher, I am no Trump and the vast majority of Iranians are not Ahmadinejad.

I'm a big fan of Lois Pryce and her books. Don't be like me and read the first half of the book and feel let down, stay with it, it really does come together nicely in the second half. Lois Pryce is a very brave person, and she writes not only about places and adventure, but she has a way of deeply connecting with people that few writers manage to achieve. She is very passionate about Iran, and after reading her book, I can fully understand why. Thank you, Lois Pryce!

Not your common two wheels adventure story. Luis Pryce digs deep under the ugly face of current Iran regime, to show the world the beautiful people of Iran. In contrast to the brutal, merciless, ferocious, xenophobic monster which comprises the fanatical Islamic mullahs who govern Iran, Pryce on two wheels find a completely different society, lively and friendly. A completely different story from Pryce other two wheels world adventures. Those who are looking for the usual tons of miles in dirt roads might be disappointed. But for those who are looking for a true adventure story with exceptional revelations in a mysterious and obscure land, I recommend this book without reservation.

I have read all of Lois' books and love her style and bravery. The Iran she writes of sounds warm, welcoming and relatively safe. Much better than some of her other adventures. I heartily

recommend this book to three types of readers, the intelligent, the traveler and the motorcyclist. This is really a don't miss book.

The book is really fun to read. It is very accurate and shows the author's knowledge about Iran's history and the current situation in Iran. She did an amazing job introducing the true Iran without any bias. This is truly a great book to read, she has done & experienced things that even many Iranians have not done!

Okay. Not too accurate description of the country. By the way, correct your spelling. It is Yazd not Yadz. Mr. Yazdani not Yadzani.

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