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Literary snapshots of 12 distinct global destinations

Many of us romanticize the idea of quitting our jobs to travel the world. Daniel Baylis made this fantasy a reality. He left his hip job as a blogger for Tourisme Montreal to tackle an ambitious adventure: a yearlong, six-continent expedition to explore volunteerism and community involvement.

Inevitably, things got messy. Baylis was mugged in Cape Town. He was violated by bed bugs in Buenos Aires. He was told to wash his genitals in Marrakech. But despite the challenges, there were also remarkable travel experiences: milking goats in the Galilee, riding motorcycles in Goa, teaching English at an elementary school in Peru and hanging with Dolly Parton in Glasgow. The quirky adventurer managed to stay on the road for an entire year, lending a hand to twelve diverse international projects and meeting the most fascinating characters along the way.

Upon returning to his Canadian homeland, Baylis used the writing chops he developed contributing to *Fast Company* and *Huffington Post* to pen a memoir about the remarkable expedition. With an audience of loyal blog readers, the book was 200% supported on crowdfunding platform Indiegogo. Entitled *The Traveller: Notes from an Imperfect Journey Around the World*, the adventure is now available on Amazon and across digital platforms.

Daniel is available to chat about his project, which is at the intersection of three newsworthy subjects: travel, writing and crowdfunding. Please direct emails to dannyboy@danielbaylis.ca, or call 514-577-2480. To obtain a promotional copy of the book, reach out to info@sparkspublishing.ca.

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