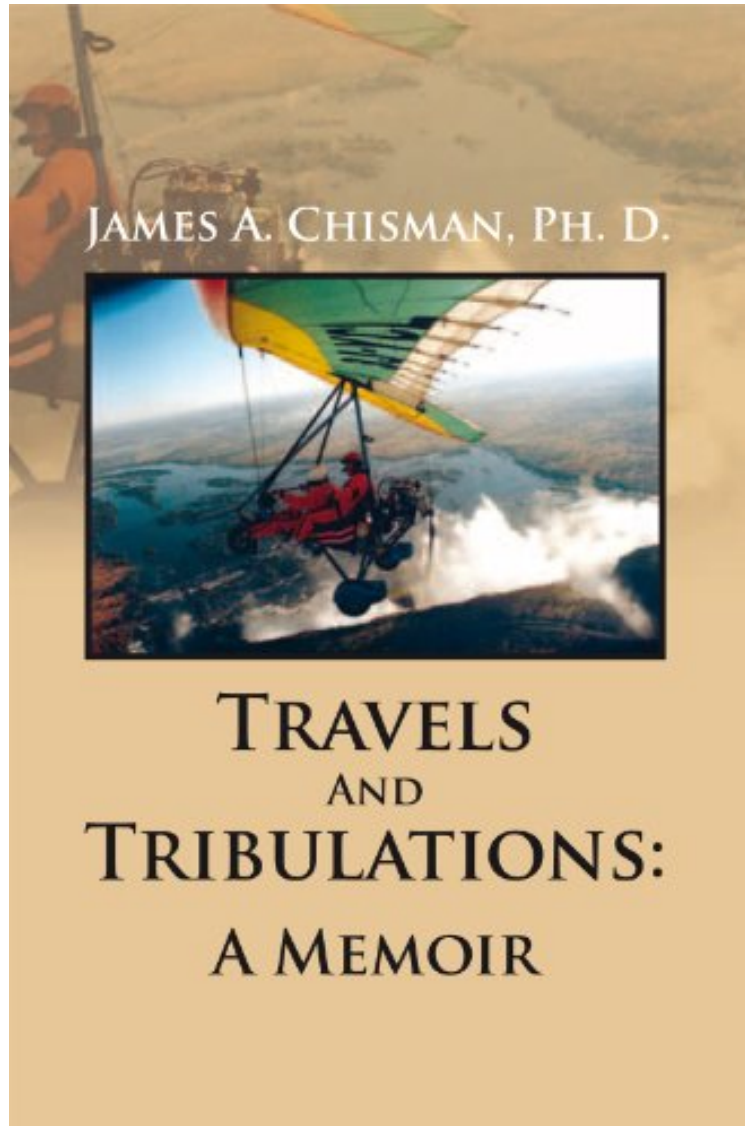


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**Von James A. Chisman, Ph.D. : Travels And Tribulations: A Memoir (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Travels And Tribulations: A Memoir (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An entertaining and humorous memoir. Von Detra Fitch If you are looking for some type of travel guide, this book is not for you. This is more along the lines of a journal/memoir. Dr. James A. Chisman is a retired professor from Clemson University. Over the past fifty-three years, Dr. Chisman can boast that he has visited seventy-eight countries. It seems

that the good professor is an opportunist. Whenever he spies a good deal, he grabs it. Smart man. After reading this memoir I feel as though I know the man well enough to take the liberty of referring to him by his first name, at least for the sake of this review. I hope that I do not step on any toes by doing so. I will detail each chapter, the country/countries visited, the year(s) James was there, and basically anything I feel will interest potential readers. Several photos are included and I will list them at the end of each chapter.

**Introduction**This section is very short. It details how James spent most of his three-week Christmas vacations traveling while he was a university professor. It also explains his traveling during the summers when he was sent somewhere to consult on industrial productivity.

**Chapter 1: Cuba, 1956**James spied an advertisement for a fifty-dollar round-trip ticket to Havana, Cuba, and decided the deal to be too good to pass up. This chapter detailed his dealings with vendors, gunshots in the night, and various tour spots, such as Morro Castle.

**Chapter 2: White Sands, New Mexico, 1958**James was working on a missile project and he was able to watch military rockets in the sky.X-1 Rocket Plane being mated to a B-50 Bomber

**Chapter 3: East Berlin to Prague, 1969**Here I found some interesting compositions of James's first visit to a communist country and of when he tried his hand at making money on the black market.

**Checkpoint Charlie**

**Chapter 4: Pacific Arena, 1972**This chapter spoke about visits to Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, Macau, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Bali, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, and Bora Bora. The author visited all of these within a four week time span.

**A sampan**

**Trishaw**

**Chapter 5: Middle East, 1975**James visited Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Turkey, and Greece. The author also spoke about the Russian Baroness, Natasha.

**Nile Cruise at Luxor**

**Petra Treasury**

**Chapter 6: Europe, 1980-1981**The author's tour of Europe was ancillary to a work assignment. James amused me with his adventures in East West Germany, Denmark, Italy, France, Austria, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, San Marino, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Luxemburg, Belgium, Monaco, and Holland. James also told of the need to have some Playboy magazines on hand in order to be processed faster at check points and even receive some Soviet souvenirs. I noticed eleven photos in this chapter.

**Turkish Toilet**

**Marksburg Castle Outhouse**

**"Night": An engraving by William Hogarth, 1738**

**Cloak and Bucket Man**

**Road sign near Innsbruck: The author gave some humorous accounts about his obsessive need to learn what "fahrt" meant in German.**

**Checkpoint Charlie, 1980**

**East German Trabant**

**Twelfth-Century Marksburg Castle: The author met Gene Simmons of KISS just after they had finished their "Unmasked Tour".**

**Juliet's Balcony in Verona**

**Cecilia, Countess Marialena Count Milone San Bonifacio at their Italian Villa**

**La Scala Teatro**

**Chapter 7: Ireland, 1987**James spent nine months in Cork, The Republic of Ireland, where he taught courses at the University College Cork and did consulting for Apple Computer. Due to having family roots in Ireland, James snooped around in the county and parish records. (The British were making random raids as well.) The author enclosed funny examples of Irish pronunciations.

**British soldiers checking cars in Fermanagh, North Ireland**

**Blarney Castle, Ireland**

**Chapter 8: USSR, 1987**This section covered Hungary and the Balkan countries, including Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Romania. Due to a revolution and a short-lived counterrevolution, the US State Department yanked their visas. But the author and his wife found a sneakier way to see the sights.

**East German Officer's boots:**The author had been drooling for these for quite some time and finally obtained them.

**Chapter 9: Costa Rica, 1992**James toured Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Venezuela. Ruins are visited and a daring trip down the Rio Reventazon - a class-five set of rapids.

**Reventazon River rapids**

**Locals pirating electricity in Caracas**

**Chapter 10: Zambia, Africa, 1998**James had been asked to go to Zambia in sub-Saharan Africa to consult with their government's Labor Secretary. The author entertained me with some of his consulting and private experiences. James even took time out to shoot the rapids on the Nile.

**Entebbe Airport at 11pm**

**Owen Dam, Lake Victoria, Nile source**

**Monkey and James**

**Victoria Falls, Author's Ultralight Overflight**

**Baboons fighting**

**White Rhinos in Rhino Park, Zimbabwe**

**Mukuni Village, Beer-making**

**Tarp covered, makeshift sidewalk stalls**

**Author and unfinished school house**

**Twelve-foot tall termite mound**

**Cape Town, South Africa**

**Chapter 11: Alaska the Yukon, 2004**To join the Barrow Alaska Polar Bear Club, James swam in the Arctic Ocean, clad only in his skivvies.

**Traffic light in Barrow: NOT at an intersection**

**Barrow refrigerator**

**Barrow Alaska Polar Bear Club patch**The author while in the Arctic Ocean earning the patch

**Epilogue**I do not believe the author could have written a shorter one.

**\*\*\*\*\* FIVE STARS!** From the first page until the last, I was kept entertained by the author's adventures as he told them in his own unique way. The author gave details that most other memoirs would not. I believe this was because his outrageous sense of humor managed to shine through on every page. The stories are fast paced and never dull. Often I found my interest piqued as James spun a yarn about trying to obtain a pair of WWII German boots. I noticed that the author learned more than one moral during his antics.

**Seldom do I open a non-fiction book. I usually prefer to escape reality with various fictional genres. However, this memoir was fantastic and I am very happy that I decided to take a chance and read it. An impressive memoir that I cannot recommend highly enough. \*\*\*\*\***

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**By: James A. Chisman, Ph.D.**ber den Autor und weitere Mitwirkende  
 This book tells a story of an abandoned female dog, which is adopted by a nine-year old tomboy, Jessica. Why she named the dog Bullette is a

story in itself. Bullette has adventures with many of the animals that live in their woods, including snakes, possums, bats, woodchucks, and bees. In the house, Bullette encounters Jessica's caged guinea pig and her mom's burnt cookies and frozen turkey. Jessica and Maria, Jessica's best friend, play softball on a team coached by Jessica's dad. They also go on family picnics where they play catch and toss a Frisbee, which Bullette likes to disrupt. On one picnic, Bullette gets deathly ill, but is saved by the quick thinking of Jessica's dad. Through all of this, Jessica learns to be a responsible person.