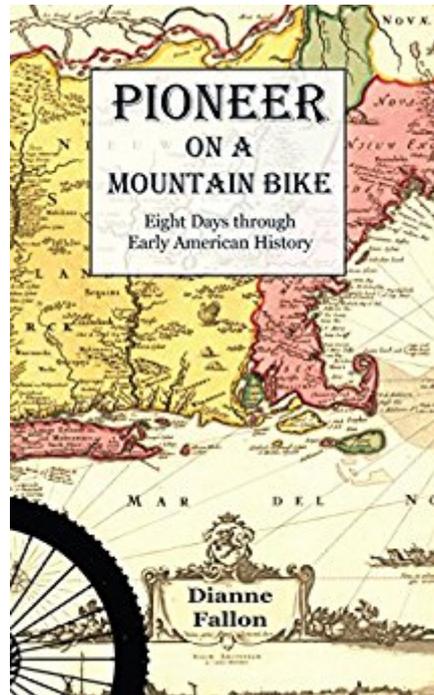


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Pioneer On A Mountain Bike: Eight Days Through Early American History



Synopsis

Discover a time and place jam-packed with raids and river armadas, real estate speculators and rebellions, religious revivals and rags-to-riches entrepreneurs. In a journey that combines time travel with adventure, cyclist Dianne Fallon takes readers to the early America she discovers on a 400-mile trek from New York to Maine. In uncovering the stories beneath the tarmac, *Pioneer on a Mountain Bike* brings history to life. Readers will take away a fresh understanding of early America and the urge to plot their own journeys along forgotten back roads.

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Customer Reviews

It was a treat to read this book! I loved the way Dianne Fallon was able to write about both her cycling experience and the history that preceded her by many years. She made me think twice (more than that, actually) about people and things I thought I was already familiar with, like James Bowdoin and the role he had in New England. Reading about the discoveries Fallon made along her journey is encouraging me to be a more inquisitive traveler myself... I'm glad I could find time to read "*Pioneer on a Mountain Bike*" and hope that now I'll be able find a little more time to check out

the history of places I visit!

In this author i have found a kindred spirit..I AM one of those people who slows down to read historical markers, and drives away wishing i could explore more. Fallon moved to Maine from the state of NY, all the arrangements were made, and she took the time to do it on her modified- for-the- trip bicycle! Guts, stamina and an insatiable thirst for the history along the way is what she had.She blends her journey with little-known historical vignettes with coffee and meal stops .. the reading just flows along to the end.TOUCHÉ' Dianne Fallon!

What a fun summer read! I wish all history were written in such an accessible manner as Pioneer on a Mountain Bike is written. Like the author, I failed to connect with history as it was taught in school (dates of wars, names of battles and treaties). What a rich and vivid (not to mention well-researched) picture Ms Fallon paints of the events and people who lived between Binghamton, NY and Kittery, ME! Through the lens of her present life, she eloquently weaves the historical American past into the story of her mid 1990s bike journey, making connections between post revolutionary America, with all of its lingering battles, to present day Arab countries; speculating on the unimaginable pain that a mother must have felt at watching four small children die from smallpox over the course of a couple of weeks; and even developing a crush on one Patriot! I am looking at historical roadside markers with new curiosity now!

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