

# [PDF] The Longest Road: Overland In Search Of America, From Key West To The Arctic Ocean

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**Description:**

**From** \*Starred Review\* Miles traveled: 8,314. Vistas condemned: wind turbine farms. Vistas endorsed: the Natchez Trace and the Alaska Highway. Lesson learned: don't drive a trailer where you can't get it out. Such were Caputo's concrete experiences on a 2011 road trip in search of answers to a more ethereal question, What unifies America? That query, if already asked by literary roadsters like Jack Kerouac and John Steinbeck, bears repeating by writers of any stature, whether unknown or, like Caputo, renowned. Looking at age 70, Caputo felt a bucket-list impetus to drive the

furthest border-to-border route in America: Key West, Florida, to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. With his pickup truck towing a symbol of highway wanderlust, an Airstream trailer, Caputo convinced his two dogs and, perhaps less quickly, his wife to climb aboard. Vowing to avoid interstates and motels, he loosely followed the historic route of Lewis and Clark. Injecting misadventures into the narrative, Caputo recounts an overland voyage that emphasizes the people he meets: Christian evangelicals; volunteers helping tornado-struck Tuscaloosa, Alabama; a Missouri farmer; residents of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation; and an assortment of Alaskan eccentrics. Pithily capturing their characters and opinions about the state of America, Caputo snares reading devotees of a classic American theme, the road trip. HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: A new book from the Pulitzer Prize-winning Caputo, famed for his soldier's memoir of the Vietnam conflict, *A Rumor of War* (1977), is always an event. -- Gilbert Taylor --This text refers to the edition.

## Review

"It is a joy it is to read these stories. I mean that: pure joy. *The Longest Road* is the best thing to come along since *Blue Highways* and *Travels With Charley*."—Doug Stanton

"An] engaging travelogue of a remarkable journey packed with plenty of intriguing tidbits for armchair travelers."—*Boston Globe*

"The ultimate road trip." —*The Denver Post*

"A perfect vacation book that's funny and erudite at the same time."—*New Haven Register*

"A new book from the Pulitzer Prize-winning Caputo...is always an event. Pithily capturing their characters and opinions about the state of America, Caputo snares reading devotees of a classic American theme, the road trip."—*Booklist*, starred review

"[Caputo] keeps the narrative moving with his observant eye and mordant sense of humor."—*The New York Times Book Review*

"Entertaining ...Provocative summer read."—*Miami Herald*

"Caputo's long haul across the country is a worthy addition to your vicarious travel plans."—*Washington Independent Review of Books*

"It's a good ride, and a good read." —*Minneapolis Star Tribune*

"This reporter has more stamina in him than your average 21-year-old...Caputo creates captivating portraits of a wide variety of communities."—*Kirkus*

"A continental tale that is always engaging and frequently reassuring."—*PW*

"A new travelogue for a new millennium."—*Kansas City Star*

"You will enjoy Caputo's road adventure across America."—*The Bismarck Tribune* --This text refers to the edition.

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