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The second novel in the bestselling trilogy from Richard Paul Evans about a man on an inspirational pilgrimage across Route 66 to find his way back to himself.

Chicago celebrity and successful pitchman Charles James is supposed to be dead. Everyone believes he was killed in a fiery plane crash. But thanks to a remarkable twist of fate, he's very much alive and ready for a second chance at life—and love. Narrowly escaping death has brought Charles some clarity: the money, the fame, the fast cars—none of it was making him happy. The last time he was happy—*truly* happy—was when he was married to his ex-wife Monica, before their connection was destroyed by his ambition and greed.

Charles decides to embark on an epic quest: He will walk the entire length of Route 66, from Chicago to California, where he hopes to convince Monica to give him another shot. Along the way, Charles is immersed in the deep and rich history of one of America's most iconic highways. But the greater journey he finds is the one he takes in his heart as he meets people along the road who will change his perspective on the world. But will his transformation be enough to earn redemption?

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Jennie says

I was looking forward to this book which is the second in a trilogy about a man who is given a second chance at life due to the fact that a plane he was supposed to be on crashed. Everyone believes he is dead. He decides to walk to where his ex wife lives via Route 66. Most of the book is about his walk and the sights around the famous road. I was more interested in how he was going to do good things for people along the way. Granted at the last one third of the book he does do, a few good acts of kindness, but was not enough to give the book a better rating. Hopefully the last book in the trilogy will be much better.

Debbie Waltz says

second book of the series by Richard Paul Evans. I got the book because I was looking forward to the how things ended up with Jesse James and his wife. Little did I know over half of the book was his journey on Route 66. Not much of his personal journey. It wasn't until nearing the end of the book that some of the old characters come into play. At this point I'm really annoyed; I don't know if I will pick up the last book in the series when it comes out. Also, 46 chapters come on..

Beth says

I read the second book first, this is the order i received them when I reserved them. They probably should be read in order to get some of the back story, but not necessarily. I'm half way through the first book which tells you how James got to where he was in the 2nd book. All in all an interesting and captivating story. Sometimes I feel like I'm there with him and other times like I'm observing.

Kev Willoughby says

Using the backdrop of historic Route 66, Richard Paul Evans makes you think about the road to your own legacy. Imagine showing up at your own funeral and being surprised to find the number of attendees in the single digits. That's what nationally known motivational speaker Charles James finds after "surviving" a plane crash in his hometown of Chicago. As he makes plans to show up at his own funeral and surprise everyone with the good news that he had not actually boarded the fateful plane, he is shocked to find that the only people in attendance were his personal assistant and a close friend that he had recently betrayed. As a result, he decides to embark, by foot, on a journey of self-discovery in hopes of taking advantage of a second chance to build a more purposeful life.

This is the 2nd book in the "Broken Road" series, and although it stands alone, don't miss the first book, which is equally compelling.

Joyce says

A beautiful story of a man who is presumed dead and how he finds peace and himself as he walks Route 66 from Chicago to California. It is an inspirational tale of himself and several he meets along his journey. This is the second book in this trilogy. I would highly recommend this read.

Katy Binford says

I totally couldn't wait for this book to come out. I even pre-ordered it which I very seldom do. At the beginning of the book there was enough about Book 1 that my memory was refreshed and I wasn't lost as I got into Book 2. At the beginning, when Charles was deciding what to do since he was "dead" from the plane crash that he missed getting onto, I kept thinking you need to tell someone. What about your money and the people that worked for you. He went to his own memorial and was surprised at the amount of people that showed up. But the memorial is what decided him to walk the Route 66 all the way to California. I enjoyed hearing about Charles's adventures, the places he passed on the road. He worked as a migrant worker for awhile, which changed a great deal about the way he was thinking about people and life. As I got to the end of the book, I could tell it wouldn't end with book 2. I was so eager to see how he meets up with his ex-wife and little boy. Well, I guess I will just anticipate the next book on the Forgotten Rd.

Carol Irvin says

Love this storyline!

Jennifer says

The Forgotten Road is the second installment in Richard Paul Evans' trilogy titled Broken Road. This continuation follows fictional character: Charles James as he finds purpose while using his presumed death to navigate a new life. It follows him as he starts his journey on foot from Chicago to California via Route 66. My personal reading experience had me viewing this book as Undercover Boss meets a Route 66 travel guide manual. Charles' character is very descriptive about his journey on Route 66: Landmarks are noted, its history is explored, and interesting tidbits are shared. At the same time, Charles is meeting tons of side characters along the way, hearing about their lives, goals, and struggles, working along side them, giving financial gifts or making a mental note of how he would like to help them with his money and resources once he has ended his journey.

Overall, an unexpected but entertaining continuation of Charles' story, a story which I very much look forward to continuing.

My favorite quote:

"To understand the world we live in, we must first understand that we are not seven billion people occupying one world—rather, we are seven billion worlds occupying one planet."

Anna says

Charles James had celebrity, wealth and success, but all his money couldn't buy happiness. When freak circumstances keep him from boarding a plane that crashed, and Charles is believed to be dead, he is given a second chance. Recognizing his greatest mistake was not appreciating his ex-wife, he decides to walk Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica and ask for her forgiveness.

His journey is filled with tidbits about Route 66 and it's storied history. It's the people he encounters though that are the heart of the story, as in this Psychiatrist who offers this insight: "But if I can give you some advice, for your own sake, keep an open mind. There's a difference between not believing in the existence of a higher power and denying the existence of a higher power because you've blamed it for something that's happened to you."

As Charles walks and reflects on his past, and future, he discovers the man he wants to be. The insights he finds are lessons we can apply to our own lives.

Another inspiring book by Richard Paul Evans. Looking forward to the next book in the series.

Casey says

I really enjoyed the first book so I was looking forward to this one. But the majority of the book is like a Route 66 tour guide. It seemed completely irrelevant and page filling waste of all the small towns, random tourist traps, and a complete description of every meal he ate along the way. Finally towards the very end of the book there was a small glimpse of what I enjoyed in the first book. I'm not sure the reasoning on everything being a trilogy these days, but I'm hoping the third book is better than this!!

Susan says

An exceptional novel.

Barbara Brodhead says

This was a pretty interesting book- made me want to see parts of Route 66 for myself. ?

Gretchen says

The farther I read into this book, the more the plot reminded me of Evans' previous trilogy, The Walk. Lots of the same themes and incidences, just on a different road. I will finish the trilogy despite this. I like Evans' style and messages. Just a little disappointed in the similarities.

Kathleen says

Another beautiful book by RPE! I enjoyed learning some of the history of Route 66, as well. Highly

recommend!

Ray says

Disappointing. I expect much more from this very good author. No meaningful advance of the story. Seems like it was generated to fulfill a book commitment.
