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***No Such Thing as a Free Ride?***  
***A Collection of Hitchhiking Tales, North American Edition***  
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The 1960s and the 1970s may have been the heyday of hitchhiking, but travellers worldwide have hitchhiked for centuries. But is there such a thing as a free ride? Although no money changes hands, the dynamic involved for both the driver and passenger involves all manner of social transactions.

This unusual collection of stories with a North American theme spans the gamut from weird to hilarious with many stops between. There are no shortage of Canadians, many of them well-known, who have hitchhiked the wide horizons of land and highway imbued in the national psyche.

You'll find Governor General Award-winner Margaret Avison and former New Brunswick Premier Frank McKenna along with contributions by Randy Bachman, Jello Biafra, Piers Anthony, Steven Pinker, Allan Cutler, sci-fi writer J.P. Donleavy, John Robert Colombo, Ram Dass, Gordon Barnhart (Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan), Stephen Bissette, Alan Cross, Andrew Scott, David Jay Brown, and more.

The tales these travellers tell may be funny, sometimes sad, often nostalgic, and always entertaining, but they also reveal much about the innocence and experience that has produced the great traveller myths, legends, and stories throughout time.

Other features: hiking websites, hiking books (fiction and non-fiction), hitchhiking films (from *The Hitchhiker*, 1933, Arvid E. Gillstrom, dir. to *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*), and hitchhiking music (Woody and Arlo Guthrie to Tenacious D).

### **About the Editors**

SIMON and TOM SYKES are a father and son team from England. Simon Sykes is an accomplished writer who has written novels, plays, screenplays, and articles for newspapers and magazines. Tom Sykes writes fiction and non-fiction and his stories and articles have been published worldwide. This North American edition of *No Such Thing as a Free Ride?* follows on the heels of their popular British edition, which was serialized in the *London Times* and named Travel Book of the Month by the *London Observer*.

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