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- Dean, Indiebook reviewer

AUTHOR BIO

Arai Finn has spent half of his life sitting cross legged in monasteries while spending the rest of his time travelling the world on a motorcycle. Arai's first novel is a blending of both these worlds. Arai currently works as a medic in the offshore Oil and Gas Industry.

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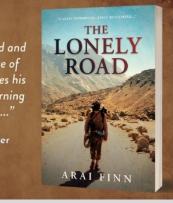
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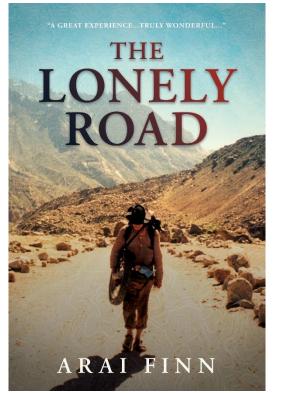
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHY DID YOU WRITE 'THE LONELY ROAD'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

I never intended to write this book, but rather I kept a travel journal for a keepsake only. However, in my travels and on arriving in Israel and sharing one story with the then principal dancer for the Israeli ballet company, he said, 'You really ought to write a book'. I just laughed the comment off, but when I arrived back in Australia, someone else said the same thing, and the seed was planted. On reflection, many of the adventures were book worthy so I started the writing for earnest.

HOW DO YOU CREATE OR MODEL YOUR CHARACTERS TO FIT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STORY AND THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE READERS?

When you are writing about yourself, it's more difficult than if you were creating a fictitious character and that is because you can't hide. If you do, the reader will know, and you will be found out. You must be authentic. To be honest with the reader, first you must be honest with yourself and therefore the writing process is a process of self-discovery.

WHAT RESEARCH DID YOU DO TO SUPPORT THE FACTS WITHIN YOUR TITLE?

Academic peer-reviewed data basis and journals. And some of the research was gathered through mere experience.

WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE WHEN WRITING THE BOOK?

Editing and re editing and re editing and re editing, all the while knowing you can make this better!



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