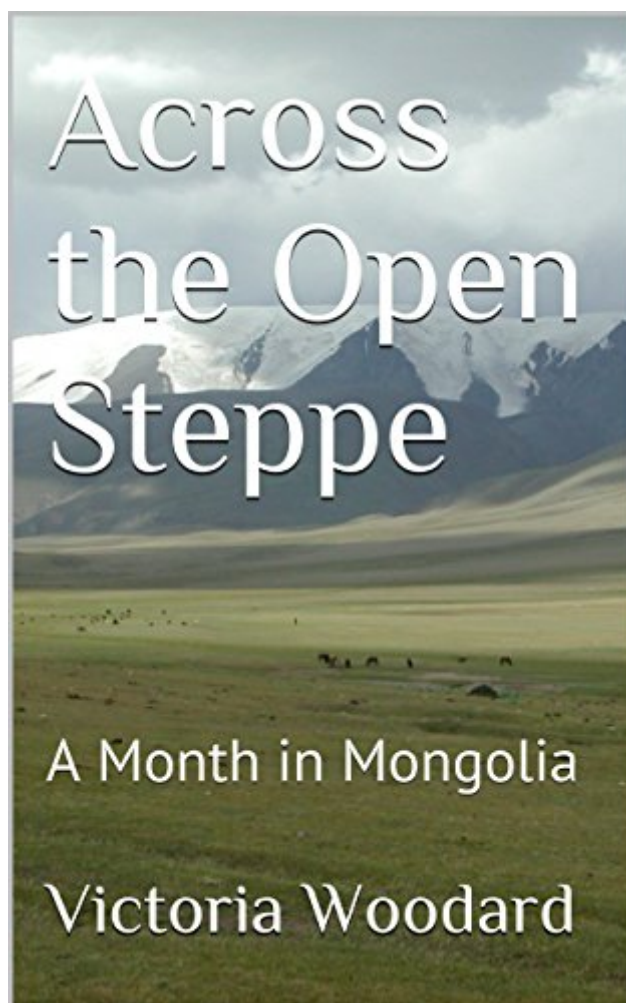


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Well, after enjoying all the camping out and temples and monks blowing conchs and learning that yowks are camel/yaks, I'm not sure I want to visit Mongolia, but I do feel that I've been there. I like the people. They're plain, kind, unmalicious--and content. I especially liked the deerstones (Woodard's photographs appear throughout this short book). Great word. They're carved rock--frequently, obviously, in the form of heads of deer. It was sort of thrilling to come across some that--how unlike our Western world!--had just BEEN there, sitting up or fallen down in the middle of this flat flat nowhere--for a couple thousand years! And so many nice touches, like the blue scarves tied around statues' necks to "elicit [their] protection." And the bigger-than-people prayer wheels you can put your shoulder to and get going. Woodard writes like the interested-in-everything traveler that she was, as she, a driver, an interpreter, and her partner Patrick explore a lot of nature (As a birder,

I like how she identifies so many species.) Mongolia is a limitlessly flat place where nice tough people live. And I was an armchair traveler having a good time--and being relieved when the author, at some distance from the others in lieu of using a bathroom, is suddenly NOT run down by 60 galloping horses. A boy was riding one of them and he, evidently, steered the herd to one side.

This is a quick read. It will give pointers mostly on what not to do in Mongolia. The book's mood is one of travel irritations that should be expected when traversing a country with minimal infrastructure and five adults in an SUV for 29 days. The author did little more than grocery shop, camp, and hike in a few areas of the country.

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