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**MOTORCYCLIST ACROSS AMERICA  
ON A ROAD LESS TRAVELED**

*750CC Down Lincoln Highway* is a road trip story as an escape on impulse. The author, Bernard Chambaz, a French writer, winner of the prestigious Goncourt academy prize for best first novel, relates his experience taking off on a whim down the historic Lincoln Highway from New York to San Francisco, after being dumped by his girlfriend just before he's to start the NY Marathon.

Fuming and searching for closure, he rents a motorbike to travel through middle America on this very first highway to cross the continental United States. The highway goes through Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Omaha and Cheyenne before winding up on a beautiful vista of Lake Tahoe and ending in the City on the Bay.

What's in the middle is REAL America, unvarnished, not always pretty but certainly picturesque in his French eyes. We're far from the fabricated America of Route 66. He's really experiencing everyday Americans in their everyday lives. No show here, just the real deal.

The story is told as a travelogue, town by town, city by city. What he discovers there, what he experiences there, the people he meets. Along the way, we get to see the real camaraderie of motorcyclists as he encounters them, willing to help each other.

We also get a sense of what middle America is, far from our bustling cities and their uppity dismissal of it. And we get inspiring bits from President Lincoln's speeches and writings throughout, imparting gravitas and drama elevating these otherwise mundane discoveries.

Enjoy the road trip. At a fraught time in our history, it's this kind of discovery and open-minded assimilation of the workaday, glorious in its sweat and tears, that may unite us.

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