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After a heavy night of tequila, flatmates Dave and Danny set off on what turns out to be a 24,000-mile journey to meet all the other Dave Gormans in the world. They visit Scotland, Israel, America, France and Ireland. They even hold a party in London where 50 Dave Gormans attend, including two women who have kindly changed their name via deed-poll. Silly, but engrossing, fascinating and addictive - and a touching, funny story of two friends who grow to share a mutual obsession.

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Plum-crazy says

It's took me 6 weeks or so to read this book in & amongst others but like the others before it, it's a book that's easy to pick up & read in short stints. It's told in turn by both Dave & Danny which was a good idea as I think if it had just the one narrator it would have been in danger of becoming tedious....it was quite repetitive as it was - a lot of *Dave hatches a plan to find a Dave Gorman, Danny falls out with his girl friend over it, they track a Dave Gorman down, repeat....* with some of the poor Daves warranting no more than a brief sentence regarding their meeting (DG23 being a prime example -see page 206- hardly worth bothering with!)

Apparently 5 (mad???) folk even went to the lengths of changing their names by deed poll to help him achieve his goal of shaking the hands of 54 Dave Gormans (two were WOMEN! Were they just desperate to get in the book?!)

Overall, an amusing enough but fairly repetitive read at times...have I said that before? ;o)

Karen Oliver says

A bet to find a card-decks worth of people who share his name sends Dave Gorman on a bonkers trip around the world, meeting complete strangers and dragging his flatmate along for the ride. This is a hilarious book, as ALL his are, and it's well worth a read.

Carys says

Funniest book I've ever read. Follows Dave Gorman, noted comic, travelling round the world maxing out his credit cards for the sake of a drunken bet that he can't meet 50 people called Dave Gorman. Funny as hell.

Beth says

Absolutely hilarious. I've read later books by both Danny Wallace and Dave Gorman before, so this one written together was a delight to read.

The book documents the crazy adventures of two flatmates that started with a drunken bet - when Danny said that Dave would never be able to find anyone with the same name as him. Too proud to retract the bet, Danny finds himself swept along by Dave's fanatical search, despite the consequences on his personal life.

I also found myself amused by how different the world was eighteen years ago - I feel like even ten years later with social media and whatnot, this story would never have played out with quite the hilarity that it did in the year 2000.

Lee Savery says

My favourite moment has to be when Dave apologised profusely and wonderfully to Danny's girlfriend, Hanne, for his ridiculous obsession and taking her boyfriend away... before accidentally revealing Danny had been chatting up Miss Georgia while in New York. Awkward.

Dane Cobain says

This is probably the funniest of Gorman's books to date, quite possibly because it's co-written with his ex-flatmate Danny Wallace, a man who's equally well-known as Dave is for his entertaining personality and his desire to go off on weird adventures, the likes of which we can only dream about.

In this book, Danny and Dave travel around the world trying to meet 54 other people called Dave Gorman, purely because a drunken bet between the two men got a *little* out of hand. The concept behind the book is that simple, but their mission... well, it isn't, as you'll see when you buy a copy and read the book.

Dave also filmed a TV series based on his adventures, and that's just as hilarious as the book is – the best part of it is, they're not mutually exclusive. You can read the book and watch the series and still find both of them hilarious, mainly because the book allows him to expand on what he talked about in the series – of course, Danny Wallace is also far more prominent in the book, and his writing is even funnier than Dave's, if such a thing is possible.

One of the most remarkable aspects of the adventure is the support that Dave and Danny are shown from all kinds of random people, including the other Daves – it turns out that almost everyone wants them to succeed, and you will too when you start reading it. I'm not going to tell you whether they manage it, but I will tell you that it almost doesn't matter – the journey is more important than the destination.

And while I know you shouldn't judge a book by its cover, this one stands out on my bookshelf and gives you a great idea of how playful it is before you even open it up. And that's the thing, you see – it's brightly-coloured, brightly-written and a real joy to read, especially if you read it on your commute to work when you need a little cheering up. Now, let's see if I can find 54 other people called 'Dane Cobain' ...

Sarah says

This was a very amusing tale which I very much enjoyed.

Tricia says

Ever made a bet while drinking? Well these boys made a bet that there were lots of Dave Gormans in the world. What followed was an adventure where they travelled all over the world - potentially losing their

minds (and Danny's girlfriend) in the process. Their aim? To find 54 Dave Gormans (one for each card in a pack of cards, including jokers).

I have a fairly common name and I have been reminded countless times by banks, tax and other national institutions that there are lots of other women with the same name as me (including an aunt). Despite this I have never thought to go hunting them down. The madness of it is what makes it a good story.

There were some really funny stories in here. It is told from both men's point of view which I liked. I also loved the epilogue which gave a nice ending to the story.

Jane says

I remember when I came across the series one dreary night when it was first aired... I'd missed the first episode but watched from the second one onwards as this seeming madman spoke about his adventure to find his namesakes. I remember asking myself if this was some great facade and whether him and his flat-mate were crazy but I found it hilarious and had to keep watching and realised quite how real the whole situation was!

I had been intending to read this book for a long time (and have his other books to read also, despite having already seen the shows) the book is written with such passion and humour and the way that Dave Gorman and Danny Wallace write compliment each other really well making it a fascinating piece of story-telling in its own right.

In this book you share the joy and pain of two men obsessed by a bet in which they found themselves ensnared in the often wreckless quest of finding Dave Gorman's name sakes (and only Dave Gorman's will do... no B. David Gormans allowed!) It's funny to read and interesting to see how Danny Wallace becomes steadily more interested in the whole namesake thing.

This book is hilarious and shows a cast-iron friendship and fervour that is refreshing!

Nicola says

So I've been wanting to read this book ever since I stumbled across a review in a book in the library (called 300 must reads for young adults or something similar).

It's essentially the story of Dave Gorman & his flatmate Danny Wallace, how they got very drunk one night,

got into an argument about the amount of Dave Gormans in the world (one was met once whilst waiting for a taxi) and the next morning found themselves in East Fife to see the assistant manager of the East Fife football club, named Dave Gorman. This is the beginning of a long quest to meet 54 Dave Gormans (one for every card in a deck, including Jokers).

We travel with them to New York, Tel Aviv and the Isle of Wight in what I found to be a very engageing adventure that kept me entertained and wanting to read on.

It may seem pretty pointless to travel the world meeting people with the same name, and, well, it is. This makes it all the more entertaining as we meet Dave Gorman after Dave Gorman (but not Leamington Spa Dave Gorman, Bastard!) I loved the writing style, with both Dave and Danny telling their story at the same time, Danny's entries in regular typeface and Dave's in bold. This way of writing makes it quite fun to read, although I must admit I kept getting confused between Danny and Dave. Maybe Dave should have had a flatmate who didn't share the same first letter of his name (just kidding). I also kept forgetting which Dave Gorman we were on, and kept referring to the pictures of each Dave included to see what they looked like, which broke my stride a little but I didn't really mind.

Overall I found it to be a very enjoyable read, if a teeny bit boring at times.

Gemma says

Hilarious as always Dave Gorman's adventures around the world with his crazy shenanigans

Simon Marston says

I absolutely loved reading this book, to the point that I even slowed my pace of reading and regimented how much I would do in a day/night, as I wanted to make it last.

The humour here is quirky, surreal, charmingly immature in places and entirely good natured. It seems to be the kind of quest that, if money and time were no objects, I could see myself and my best friend undertaking (or probably something similarly ludicrous, I don't think we'd go on the hunt for Dave Gorman's per se).

If you're not expecting high brow humour and are looking for something a bit silly and easy to read then I would strongly recommend giving this a try.

As a footnote, it's worth noting that this book was written in the days before Google, Facebook and even MySpace (Bill Clinton was still scandal-free and living in the White House), so the level of achievement, regardless of how immature, is actually quite impressive!

Michael King says

Firstly I would like to say how nice it was to read such a bizarrely written piece of work, not only are you getting two authors for the price of one (I got mine from the library), it is a really nice piece of documented work, I really liked the pictures of the 54 Gormen. That being said I enjoyed the writing style bouncing between Danny Wallace and Dave Gorman and to be honest I was not even put off by the change in fonts

one that is ‘bold, rather confident’ type face and the other ‘relaxed, more elegant font’.

Unfortunately I read Danny Wallace’s “Yes Man” first, which was written and printed at a later date (AYDG - 2001 and YesMan - 2005) I was expecting Hanne (pronounced Hannah) to have broken up with Danny during this book... which she doesn’t and I can say I really felt sorry for her.

Over all this book tickled me in all the right places, I couldn’t help laugh at shoe tossing, lobbers, Dave Gorman talking to Dave Gorman, random flights to halfway round the world, stuffing letters into cutlery drawers and even the plural of Dave Gorman... Gormen, which is bloody brilliant.

I would recommend this book to anyone who feels like they want to travel, have loads of spare time, an unlimited reservoir of cash, a stomach for foreign food and someone looking for a reason to do it... although I doubt I will be flying willy nilly round the world looking for 54 of my namesakes.

I can tell you how ever that the author who shares my name wrote a book about New Zealand which I would have never have found out if I didn’t read this book.

Grace Sargeant says

Amazing.

Christopher Prew says

This must be about the 5th time I’ve read this book about was just as entertaining and funny as the first. A tale of what can happen when 2 friends and flatmates get drunk, have a drunken conversation and then decide that what they discussed is a good idea. Very enjoyable story and well worth your time.
