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**Dave Gorman : Dave Gorman's Googlewhack Adventure** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dave Gorman's Googlewhack Adventure:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An unusual and totally fantastic questBy anndI don't even remember how I first picked this book up, but so glad I did. What a strange and wonderful story! I guess at the time I'd read a few other books in this genre of "funny books about strange adventure written by British comedians" (e.g., Round Ireland With a Fridge, etc.) and thought I'd try this out. A totally bizarre self-imposed quest that takes the author literally all

around the world. And funny! I loved it and have read it a few times over. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I found his Googlewhack Adventure wonderfully funny, and even found myself laughing out loud. By Donna LI've read Dave Gorman's "America Unchained" which is how I came to read this book. I found his Googlewhack Adventure wonderfully funny, and even found myself laughing out loud. I would highly recommend either title. They certainly did not disappoint! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Funny read by a funny man. By JonnyThe book is very funny and worth a read. His writing ability is not as fluid as Danny Wallace (cowriter of "Are You Dave Gorman?" - which is hilarious) but the situations and overall concept is good enough to make this book laugh out loud funny.

A hostage to the vagaries of a search engine, Dave Gorman has become a 21st century Dice Man throwing his fortune to the fate; the only difference is that the dice Dave rolls has 3 million faces. If someone called you a 'Googlewhack' what would you do? Would you end up playing table tennis with a nine year old boy in Boston? Would you find yourself in Los Angeles wrangling snakes, or would you go to China to be licked by a performance artist? If your name is Dave Gorman, then all of these things could be true. Fuelled by a lust for life and a desperate desire to do anything except what he is supposed to be doing (writing that novel and growing up), Dave falls under the spell of an obscure internet word game: Googlewhacking. Addicted to the game, and gripped by obsession, Dave travels three times round the world, visiting four continents and the unlikeliest cast of real life eccentrics you'll ever meet in what becomes an epic challenge, a life-changing, globe-trotting Googlewhack adventure.

From Publishers Weekly Four years ago, after locating 54 people who shared his name, stand-up comic Gorman used that frivolous notion as the basis for an award-winning, one-man stage show and book (*Are You Dave Gorman?*). Specializing in comedic travel writing, he found an excuse for more globe-trotting when he began google-whacking, or typing two words (such as "Dork Turnspit") into Google's search engine that would return only one result. Google-whacking constantly, he began to meet other google-whackers, from Seattle to Sydney. Soon he had a new stage show, and this book, based on that show, probes his obsession with the word game while presenting the colorful cast of eccentrics he encountered: from a Beijing performance artist to the guy whose house is a shrine to Mickey Mouse. Gorman's gift for siphoning silliness from any cubbyhole has an appeal for many (this book quickly became a U.K. bestseller), but not all readers will be ROTFLMAO ("rolling on the floor laughing my ass off"), as per Internet jargon. The nomadic Gorman does manage to maintain a breathless, high-spirited pace, offering an onslaught of amusing anecdotes and digressive detours along the way. 22 bw photos. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist When he turned 31, British stand-up comic Gorman decided he wanted to be taken seriously, so he landed a contract to write a novel. He took novel writing so seriously he grew a beard. But no matter how he tried, Gorman couldn't actually write anything. One of his procrastination methods was googlewhacking--a game in which the "whacker" types two different words into Google and tries to get exactly one hit. His first googlewhack, "Dork Turnspit," led him to a site featuring photographs of women with dogs. Gorman found the site so fascinating that he met its owner and then asked the women-and-dogs fellow to find him another googlewhack. And so begins one of history's greatest ventures in procrastination. Over the next weeks, Gorman traveled tens of thousands of miles, everywhere from Columbus, Ohio, to Beijing, China, meeting googlewhacks, trying to string together 10 in a row by getting two new googlewhacks from each person he met. The descriptions of place are sometimes trite and obvious, but Gorman's self-deprecating wit and irrational dedication to his quest make this a hilarious travelogue. For more titles in the emerging "idiotic but charming quest" travel genre, see the accompanying Read-alike. John Green Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. "A beautiful, picaresque tale overflowing with humor and heart."