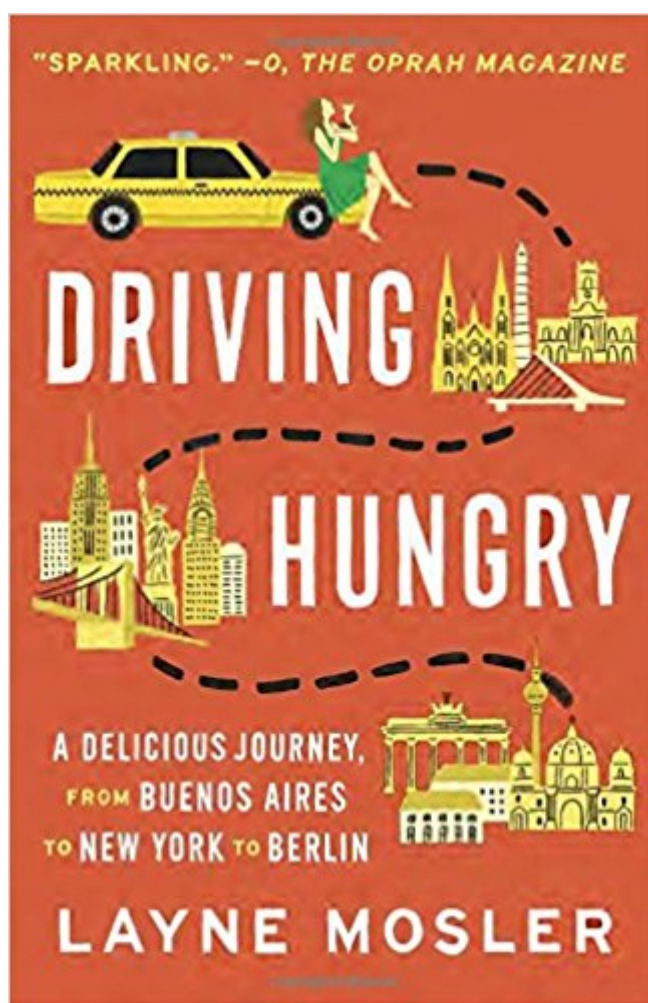


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# Driving Hungry: A Delicious Journey, From Buenos Aires To New York To Berlin (Vintage Departures)



## Synopsis

Adrift in Buenos Aires, Layne Mosler was hungry for an excellent (and cheap) meal, for a great story, for a new direction. A chance recommendation from a taxi driver helped her find all these things, and sparked a quest that would take her to three cities, meeting people from all walks of life, and finding an array of unexpected flavors. A story about following your passion, the pleasures of not always knowing your destination, and the beauty of chance encounters, *Driving Hungry* is a vivid, and inspiring, read from first to last.

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O, The Oprah Magazine: Season's Best List  
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The food descriptions are indeed scrumptious, but the striking everyday-life details surrounding Mosler's discoveries that make *Driving Hungry* a pleasurable read.  
"Minneapolis Star-Tribune" "While there are descriptions of many wonderful and awful meals in this book, they never seem to be its real subject. This is likely true of many food books, but Mosler's is quite openly a quest for something more substantial. All the conversations with cab drivers about doner kebab, bife and baklava are just ways of looking for love."  
"Chicago Tribune" "Mosler is a fantastic storyteller but also a talented food writer. . . . In *Driving Hungry*, Mosler builds relationships around food: the meals she enjoys are often solitary, but are always the product of or the drive behind a memorable interaction. Food, in

other words, is not just a universal connector; it's a universal language. It recalls A Moveable Feast, Hemingway's seminal memoir of life in Paris in the 1920s. In both accounts, the primary interest is human interaction, but you get the clear sense that none of it would have happened between Hemingway and Fitzgerald, or Mosler and her various drivers and passengers if there hadn't been a good dish on the table. • "The National Post, Canada" "Sparkling." • "O, The Oprah Magazine" "Driving Hungry" . . . will absolutely inspire your restaurant exploration this summer. • "Bustle.com" "An invigorating read, a paean to taking the serendipitous road to wherever it happens to lead." • "Booklist" "Driving Hungry brims with similarly tasty advice. And while it provides a gastronomic tour spanning three cities, the characters Ms. Mosler encounters are the true takeaway." • "The New York Observer" "Driving Hungry is wonderful. Whether she's tangoing at 5 a.m. in Buenos Aires or driving a cab at 5 a.m. on a New York winter morning or eating a dish called Dead Grandma in Berlin, Layne Mosler is an intrepid, charming, inspiring guide to life as it should be lived: with open-minded hunger, whether it's for goat roti, adventure, or true love." • "Kate Christenen, author of Blue Plate Special and How to Cook a Moose" "Building on the success of her blog, Taxi Gourmet, Mosler recounts the story of her transcontinental search for a vocation, which propelled the author into dancing in tango clubs in Buenos Aires, becoming a cab driver in New York City, and falling in love with the city of Berlin. . . . Mosler's lively and accessible writing style joyfully captures the satisfaction gained by trusting your instincts and seeking out new places, food, and people." • "Kirkus Reviews

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I enjoyed this book so much and have recommended it to friends. You never know what Layne is going to do next. She is absolutely fearless. She starts out in the restaurant business and then before we know it we are whisked away to Argentina and the tango which Layne decides to master. Somewhere along the way, she starts taking taxis and asking the taxi driver to take her to his (or her) favorite restaurant. The results vary. Layne describes the meals in loving detail. Being a vegetarian, I couldn't quite share her enthusiasm for most of the meals. Nevertheless, one gains an appreciation of local cooking. As an aside I tried asking a taxi driver on a recent trip about his favorite restaurant hoping to discover some local treasure. "Golden Corral" was his answer, "great food at a reasonable price" Through a series of adventures and misadventures Layne starts driving a taxi in New York City. At that point I began to doubt her sanity. She does survive and the book

ends in Germany where she meets a very compatible taxi driver. I hope that there is a sequel and wonder if Layne will drive a taxi in Germany.

I really enjoyed this book. It was well written and very interesting. It's about food, three cities and personal relationships and interactions. And taxis!

Didn't know what to expect when I bought this as I am neither a fan of memoirs (thanks to 3 Cups of Tea) nor cooking. But wow, this is such an interesting book I could hardly put it down. I read it in the span of 24 hours - umm, calling in sick from work to finish it off. The author tells a rather aimless, yet entertaining story of her life full of travel, love and cooking. Such a great book. I highly recommend it.

I wasn't sure I was going to finish this book-got rather bogged down in the first part-too much tango-but it picked up speed with the New York portion and I was hooked by the time she got to Berlin-loved her honesty about what was happening for her-her love of food and sense of place comes through-recommend it particularly for all travel junkies and foodies and the romance was fun too!

An engaging , smart and funny memoir about taxi driving, tango, food, and love. A very enjoyable and educational read. Loved it!!!!!!!

I thought I was purchasing a very different book than this . Not so much about food , more about a women's journey . And for me personally not very interesting . Driving a taxi , really ? I did enjoy the ending therefore 3 stars . I wish I could give more , but no .

This was such an enjoyable read! Layne is such a descriptive writer I could feel her angst, taste the food she was eating and share her joy in finding the love she was ultimately pursuing. If you think life should be a dance you need to read *Driving Hungry!*

So much fun to read - loved her voice and reading about the people she met!

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