

***The Majic Bus: An American Odyssey***

by Douglas Brinkley

**Eileen Clark**

Professor Douglas Brinkley arranged to teach a six-week experimental class aboard a fully equipped sleeper bus. The class would visit thirty states and ten national parks. They would read twelve books by great American writers. They would see Bob Dylan in Seattle, gamble at a Vegas casino, dance to Bourbon Street jazz in New Orleans, pay homage to Elvis Presley's Graceland and William Faulkner's Rowan Oak, ride the whitewater rapids on the Rio Grande, and experience a California earthquake. Their journey took them to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, Abraham Lincoln's Springfield, Harry Truman's Independence, and Theodore Roosevelt's North Dakota Badlands. And it gave them the unforgettable experience of meeting some of their cultural heroes, including William S. Burroughs and Ken Kesey, who took the gang for a spin in his own psychedelic bus. Driven by Doug Brinkley's energetic prose, *The Majic Bus* is a spirited travelogue of a unique experience.

I chose this book as my Honor Book because I believe this professor used one of the greatest tools of teaching; he brought lessons to life! As a former student, I always enjoyed field trips because they helped me remember my lessons. So, let's all hop on the Majic Bus and go on a field trip - destination American History!

***Seizing Your Divine Moment: Dare to Live a Life of Adventure***

by Erwin Raphael McManus

I was in Dallas at a conference and heard Pastor McManus speak about this "new" book he had out and he described the events leading up to writing and publishing this book. I was so inspired that I had to read it. After doing so, I began imaging my life differently and how I could seize my divine moment. Shortly thereafter, all the pieces of the puzzle came together and I was able to open my own business. While it's not a full time opportunity right now, it's definitely an adventure. Read this book. Be inspired.

**Scott Stewart**

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