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Sean Condon : My 'Dam Life: Three Years in Holland before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised My 'Dam Life: Three Years in Holland:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not funny. Not enjoyable and barely tells you anything about ...By Adrian YelvertonNot funny. Not enjoyable and barely tells you anything about Amsterdam.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Don't expect a flowery travel story.By HunterThis is one of my favorite reads, honestly. It's very personal and helped me feel a bit better about dropping out of college the year I read it. It's honest, a bit

melancholy, and wholly funny. My 'Dam Life isn't about Amsterdam, it's about the author's time spent in Amsterdam. Keep that in mind. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Dam funny By Philip Taffs Dam funny (but sad too in parts) book from a Dam funny writer. Anne Frank's Diary (minus the Nazis) meets a depressive Aussie Bill Bryson. Stop and smell the tulips.

In Sean David's Long Drive he careered around Australia with his laconic pal David in a retro Ford Falcon. In Drive Thru America he and David cruised the States in a very uncool Chrysler Neon. Now Australian humorist Sean Condon is married and living in Amsterdam - jobless, homeless, careless and Dave-less. In My 'Dam Life he casts a witty, watchful and wonderfully self-deprecating eye over his expat experience of laziness and leisure, dreams and destiny in the Venice of the North. With his uncanny ability to seek out the absurd in everyday life, Sean finds plenty of targets in a city of hemp and high culture, canals and bicycles, idiosyncratic plumbing and internationally unrenowned cuisine. My 'Dam Life strikes a hilarious chord with anyone who has followed their dream of starting a new life abroad.

From Booklist *Starred* Fans of offbeat travel literature rejoice! Condon, coauthor of Sean and David's Long Drive (1996) and Drive thru America (1998), returns with this hysterical, delightful, and (mostly) true account of his temporary residence in Amsterdam. The story begins when Condon's wife, a magazine editor, is transferred from the couple's home in Australia to the Netherlands; before they can settle in (finding a comfortable home in Amsterdam is next to impossible), the magazine folds, and our heroes are unemployed, fast approaching penniless, but determined to make a go of it in their new country. Condon's wife, Sally, takes a job in a theater box office, while he joins an up-and-coming (they hope) advertising agency and, later, accepts a series of peculiar writing assignments. He also, out of a combination of desperation and whimsy, applies for an assortment of oddball jobs, including scheduling programs for a Dutch television station. Chuckles abound. Stylistically and philosophically, Condon is as close to Bill Bryson as it's possible to be. He mixes fascinating facts with hilarious humor, peppers the book with an assortment of wild and wonderful supporting characters (Francis Ford Coppola and Monica Lewinsky, if you can believe it, make cameo appearances here), and keeps us thoroughly in stitches from beginning to end. This one's an absolute must-read. David Pitt Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved ...a smart and funny book' -- San Francisco Chronicle