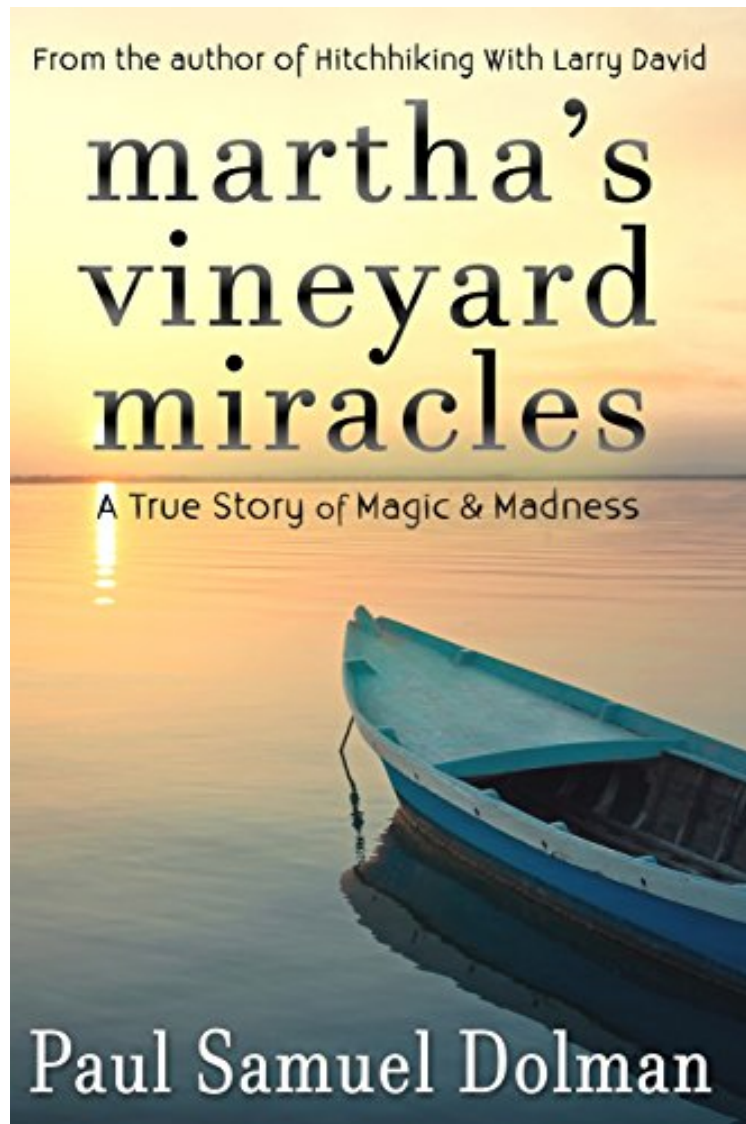


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The Magic ContinuesBy Robert MatsudaSix years ago, Paul Samuel Dolman wrote "Hitchhiking With Larry David," which is best described as a social experiment disguised as a personal memoir. After re-appraising his lucrative but soul-deadening career as a music industry executive, he divested himself of a black BMW, shuttered his successful publishing business, and initiated a quest for a more authentic life. The result of this search was a highly engaging tale that charmed readers around the world.Still, the book was difficult to

categorize. The story of Dolman's period of convalescence following a traumatic breakup, it also explored themes of loss and transience, mixing spirituality with vivid travelogue accounts of his time on Martha's Vineyard. It was during this idyllic summer retreat that the author met the eponymous Larry David while hitchhiking on the island's South Road. A self-published effort, "Hitchhiking With Larry David" was later acquired by Penguin Books. This was fortuitous, as Dolman had by this time run out of copies to distribute, the initial run having proved wildly popular. Those who have read the book are already acquainted with the pivotal love of his life, whom he dubbed "The Miracle." They are also familiar with the affectionate but at times complicated relationship he enjoys with his elderly parents. Along with an eccentric and varied cast of characters from the author's beloved vacation retreat, they make a welcome return appearance in the author's follow-up chronicle, "Martha's Vineyard Miracles." Although this latest work contains the same casual air of good humor that permeated "Hitchhiking With Larry David," Dolman has now shifted into edgier territory. The trademark wit and ebullient prose are still in place, but they are now tempered by language of startling rawness and tender sincerity. It is a testament to the author that he is able to depict the more unattractive aspects of human behavior in a realistic, yet compassionate, manner. Be prepared, however, for some dark moments. With a habit of plunging fearlessly into a multitude of social encounters, Dolman is occasionally on the receiving end of some bad behavior, which he describes in unflinchingly detail. Despite this, the writing is surefooted and characteristically upbeat, while remaining comfortingly non-judgemental. Perhaps this is why a diverse range of people find it easy to open up to him. In addition to being a naturally funny and self-deprecating individual, Mr. Dolman is a gifted listener. He depicts the shifting rhythms of everyday conversation with exhilarating precision. Readers can easily make their way through "Martha's Vineyard Miracles" before realizing that they have time-traveled with the author through the most intimate and revealing moments of his life. Fans of "Hitchhiking With Larry David" will naturally want to know if Paul Dolman eventually reconnected with his soul mate, the alluring Miracle. With disarming honesty, the book chronicles their time together on the island, as well as the daily challenges they faced as a couple. These struggles constitute the emotional heart of the book - it was through their closeness and shared vulnerability that the underlying fissures in the relationship surfaced. But not to despair: there is still a generous helping of laughter and sunlight in this congenial odyssey. "Martha's Vineyard Miracles" is a worthy sequel to the author's highly appealing literary debut and will captivate readers with its endearing blend of sadness, candor, hilarity, and wisdom.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. " I was amazed at the depths of his writing talents. By Natalia It's rare to find a book that is so genuinely honest and raw, and at the same time so profoundly spiritual. After following Paul's journey from "Hitchhiking with Larry David," I was amazed at the depths of his writing talents. The book has allowed me to sort through personal questions. Infused with the author's wonderful sense of humor, Martha's Vineyard Miracles will leave you wanting more: to read more, to think more, to love and forgive more.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The story continues... By Peter After read Hitchhiking with Larry David, and absolutely loving it, I was excited to read the next installment of Paul's journey. This book was different, focusing more on his relationship with "the Miracle" than HwLD. A lot of the humor is missing as he turns to more serious topics and we start to see what really happened. The dynamic between Paul and the Miracle is a complex one that has to be experienced through reading the book rather than me trying to explain it. It's torturous at times and enlightening at times. In the end, we think that we have resolution...but then there's always the third book. I enjoyed learning about Paul's writing process and his decision to self-publish. If you've read HwLD, I would highly recommend continuing the journey and buying Martha's Vineyard Miracles. And of course, you'll want to read the third as well, but I'll review that book separately.

From multi-talented author and polymath Paul Samuel Dolman comes "Martha's Vineyard Miracles," the follow-up to the 2010 beloved humorous memoir "Hitchhiking With Larry David." He's reunited with the girl of his dreams. He's on a mission (quite possibly divinely inspired) to write his very first book. Everything's looking up. What could make the best time even better? A triumphant return to Martha's Vineyard for a delightful summer of spontaneous and unlikely conversations, reconnecting with family and old friends, and radiant love. But it'll take a Martha's Vineyard miracle to turn things around when unresolved issues and mounting differences threaten to drive a wedge between Pauly, his girl, and their chances for ultimate happiness... In "Martha's Vineyard Miracles," Paul Samuel Dolman brings a new depth to the thumbs-out, say-yes philosophy of "Hitchhiking With Larry David" while delivering another message of hopeful, uplifting growth.