

ROAD TRIP ADVENTURES

I Got My First-Ever Truck Stop Shower During The Winter Of 2014-15 At The Pilot In Quartzsite, AZ . [Ed. Note: I-10, Exit 17.]I Left My Van Carrying Soap, Shampoo And Flip-Flops In A Plastic Bag, Walked Inside To Pay, And Probably Made A Face When I Heard It Would Cost \$12. A Trucker At The Register To My Right Slid His Rewards Card Over The Counter And Told The Cashier To Comp My Shower. “Sir, You Realize That If You Use Your Card Now, You Can’t Use It Again For Another Twenty-Four Hours,” The Cashier Told Him. *The Driver Raised His Elbows And Sniffed Under Each Armpit — First Left, Then Right — And Shrugged. “Awww, It’s Already Been A Week,”* He Said.

Nomadland: Surviving America In The Twenty-First Century, p143. By Jessica Bruder. HighBridge 2017 (A Division Of Recorded Books).

[Ed. Note #1: Ms Bruder’s Book Inspired The 2020 Documentary Film, *Nomadland*, Starring The Wonderfully Accomplished Multiple Oscar Winner (3) Frances McDormand, To Include A Fine Supporting Cast. The Book And Film Are Highly Recommended.]

[Ed. Note #2: **I PFUCKING L-O-V-E** The Above Story!!! I Wasted A Perfectly Good Mid-Life Crisis Working Long Haul. That Driver’s Spontaneous Generosity To Ms Bruder Made Me Smile — And Laugh. In My Experience (13 Yrs.; 1.3 Million Miles Accident-Free), The Majority Of Drivers Were Quite Often Friendly And Helpful To *Four-Wheelers* Like Ms Bruder And To The Motoring Public Generally — Sometimes Heroically So. Stories Abound About Drivers Who Have Put Themselves In Serious Harm’s Way To Rescue Motorists From The Most Dire Circumstances Imaginable.]