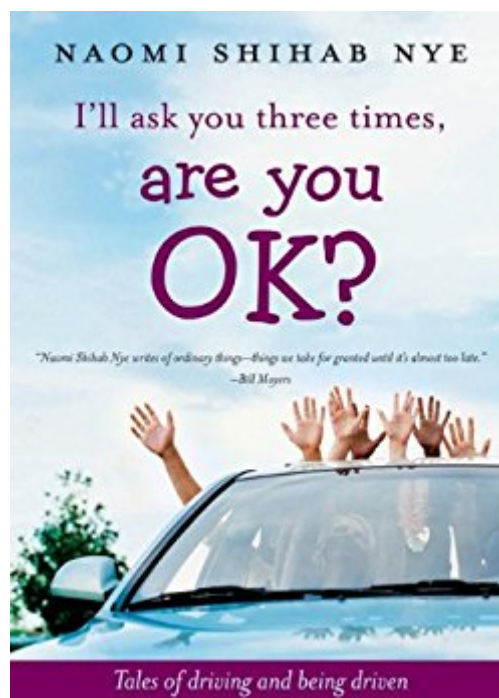




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# I'll Ask You Three Times, Are You OK?: Tales Of Driving And Being Driven



## Synopsis

"I am a poet," I said. "It is my destiny to do strange things." My father gripped the wheel of his car. "I am the chauffeur for foolishness." We said no more. Foolhardy missions. Life-altering conversations. Gifts "given and received. Loss. Getting lost. Wisdom delivered before dawn and deep into the night. Love and kissing (not necessarily in that order). Laughter. Rides on the edge. Roses. Ghosts. As a traveling poet and visiting teacher, Naomi Shihab Nye has spent a considerable amount of time in cars, both driving and being driven. Her observations, stories, encounters, and escapades "and the kernels of truth she gathers from them" are laugh-out-loud funny, deeply moving, and unforgettable. Buckle up.

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## Customer Reviews

Love, love her poems and there were some funny gems in this book, but over all I could take it or leave it. She has a wonderful ear for conversation and this book is a series of short stories - some just a chapter no more than a page and a half long - written around a dialogue between her and often a taxicab driver. Clearly Naomi Nye is personally compassionate and thoughtful - all of which

are obvious if you know her poetry. I just find the short stories much less engaging.

It was a good adventure/travel book. The experiences she had were more than interesting. Having had one or two of them, I could see where she was coming from. Some of them were a little chancy, but she always came out okay if not on top. She knew how to handle the chancy situation. Fun reading and highly recommended.

I am reading this book through for the second time. Nye has a way of introducing me to the world around me in a whole new way. Her truth is a balm. Not always a happy truth but truth nonetheless. She has become one of my favorite authors and the kind of person I would love to call my friend. I feel fortunate to have found her works.

This is a book for anybody with a traveling bone. Naomi Shihab Nye finds beauty in the simplest moments experienced while in taxis and connects them to her life and yours in ways that will surprise and provoke one to pay more attention to what we might often NOT let resonate with us. People you don't know really do have a great deal to offer, especially when you most need it, or least expect it. Inspiring words with a great perspective and voice.

I love Naomi's wise musing all related to her many cab rides! Enjoyable and insightful read. I had already read many of her poems so I shouldn't be surprised to enjoy these short stories!

Each story is uplifting and amazing. Most of us don't think about how our experiences weave together into a rich fabric that illustrates the connectedness of humans. Read it! You'll be glad you did.

This latest book by Naomi Shihab Nye is warm and funny and endlessly entertaining. It is always such a pleasure to be in the company of Naomi Nye as she looks at our world. In this collection of vignettes, Naomi takes us traveling across the US and around the world. From the back seats of taxis and the lobbies of hotels we encounter peculiar, heartwarming and just plain wacky taxi drivers and clerks. Human nature is the subject and in the hands of Ms. Nye it is fascinating. I recommend the friendship between a cat and his driver in San Antonio. Irresistible.

This book is refreshing and entertaining. It is a collection of very short stories. We read one each

night at bedtime and that worked very well for us. Highly recommended reading.

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