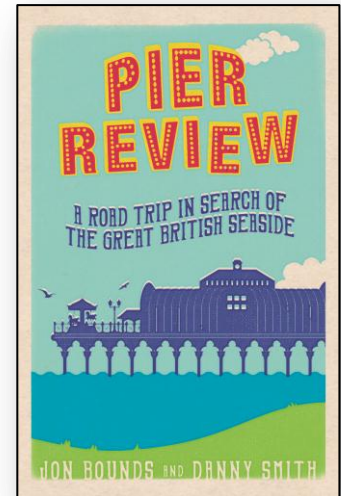


Pier Review

A Road Trip in Search of the Great British Seaside

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**Fifty-five piers.
Two weeks.
One eccentric road trip.**

Before the seaside of their youth disappears forever, two friends from the landlocked Midlands embark on a hare-brained journey to see all the surviving pleasure piers in England and Wales. With a clapped-out car and not enough cash, Jon and Danny recruit Midge, a man they barely know, to be their driver, even though he has to be back in a fortnight to sign on...

Taking turns to tell their madcap story, Jon and Danny invite us to join them as they take a funny and nostalgic look at Britishness at the beach, amusement in the arcades and friendship on the road.

Potential feature angles:

- **On the Road meets On the Buses: a funny and nostalgic look at Britain's surviving pleasure piers**
- **What's the appeal of unusual adventures?**
- **Ten things you didn't know about Britain's piers**

Media opportunities:

- **Extracts/serialisation**
- **Author available for interview and to write exclusive articles**
- **Photos available**

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