

Trucking in English by Carolyn Steele

Almost Ice Road Truckers, except for the tulip bulbs...

“So here’s the plan. I’m going to train to drive a truck and go long-haul. I can get paid and maybe write a book at the same time. What do you reckon?”

“Go for it Mum, how bad can it be?”

This is the tale of what happens when a middle-aged mum from England decides to actually drive 18-wheelers across North America instead of just dreaming about it. From early training (when it becomes apparent that negotiating 18 wheels and 13 gears involves slightly more than just learning how to climb in) this rookie overcomes self-doubt, infuriating companions and inconsiderate weather to become a real trucker. She learns how to hit a moose correctly and how to be hijacked. She is almost arrested in Baltimore Docks and survives a terrifying winter tour of The Rockies. Occasionally she takes time off from being terrified to observe a fascinating subculture.

Nothing goes well, but that’s why there’s a book.

Trucking in English began as a blog from the cab and became a popular podcast before taking book form. It will be the third in Carolyn’s *Armchair Emigration* series, as soon as Book Two is written.