



BRUCE KIRKBY

Best-Selling Author, Award-Winning Photographer, Travel Journalist



Series: “Big Crazy Family Adventure”

Hometown: Kimberley, Canada

Bruce Kirkby’s journeys have taken him to more than 80 countries, and to the wildest and most remote corners of the planet. He has crossed Iceland by foot, traveled by horse through Mongolia, been shot at in Borneo and taken hostage in Ethiopia.

Kirkby is a weekly travel columnist for Canada’s National Newspaper, *The Globe and Mail*. He is the author of two best-selling books, “Sand Dance: By Camel Across Arabia’s Great Southern Desert” (McClelland & Stewart, 2001) and “The Dolphin’s Tooth: A Decade in Search of Adventure” (McClelland & Stewart, 2007), and his work appears regularly in publications including *The New York Times*, *Canadian Geographic*, *EnRoute* and *TIME Magazine*. He has contributed monthly photo tips to *WestJet’s* in-flight magazine for over six years, and National Geographic has chosen his images as amongst the ‘Best Adventure Photography of the Decade.’

As host of CBC’s primetime reality show, “No Opportunity Wasted,” Kirkby’s mission was to help regular Canadians confront and overcome personal fears and accomplish the seemingly impossible. Kirkby and his family are featured in Travel Channel’s “Big Crazy Family Adventure.” In this series, Kirkby journeys from British Columbia to the Himalaya – along with his wife, Christine Pitkanen, and their sons, Bodi and Taj – by land and sea only. The family makes their way through expansive landscapes, challenging climates and unique communities in some of the most remote areas of the northern hemisphere, in an effort to escape the everyday modern world and embrace some of life’s simple wonders.

Kirkby currently resides in Kimberley, Canada with his wife and two sons.

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