## THE LUNATIC EXPRESS by Carl Hoffman

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From Peru to Indonesia, to Kolkata to L.A., in this shocking and visceral travel journal, global journalist Carl Hoffman takes us along a journey to, through and by our planet's most risky routes, rides, flights and ferries.

In doing so, he provides a mirror.

The reflection demands a response, because millions of our fellow humans live desperate, dangerous lives in their quest to merely eke out their existence.

"Bring us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free," penned Emma Lazarus, as iconically engraved on the Statue of Liberty.

Hoffman has the guts to 'go' to those masses, and, if you have the courage to go with him, you cannot remain unchanged.

Motivating in its raw and candid reporting, Hoffman's epic work unwittingly inspired "The Resonance" by pinpointing the scope and severity of startlingly unmet needs of millions of indomitable people who refuse to be victims.

THE LUNATIC EXPRESS colorfully reminds us that these people are our fellow humans, and in doing so, Hoffman tacitly yet powerfully calls us to pursue 'BETTER'.

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