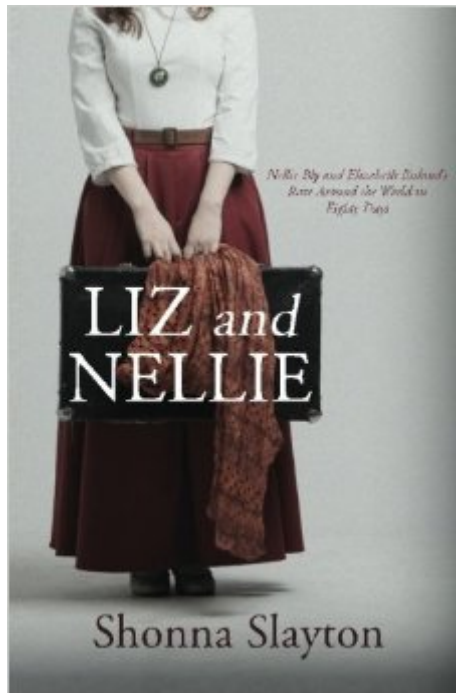


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# Liz And Nellie: Nellie Bly And Elizabeth Bisland's Race Around The World In Eighty Days



## Synopsis

New York City, November 14, 1889. Young newspaper reporter Nellie Bly sets sail on the *Augusta Victoria* for a trip around the world. She plans to beat Jules Verne's fictional record from the novel *Around the World in Eighty Days*. She thinks she can circumnavigate the globe in under seventy-five days, and prove that a woman can do what no man has even tried. Hours later, and unbeknownst to Nellie, another writer, Elizabeth Bisland boards a train going in the opposite direction attempting to beat Nellie back to New York. Elizabeth is a reluctant player in this high-stakes publicity stunt, but financial needs outweigh her pride. Neither woman is prepared for what will happen on this trip, or how the race will change her.

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## Customer Reviews

This book was quite interesting. It tells the true story of two young women (Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland) who race around the world. This was unheard of in the Victorian era - women traveling alone, and it caused quite the stir. Both young women ran into people along their trip who already knew who they were and what they were doing. The idea started with the paper Nellie Bly worked for. Her employers decided to send her around the world to see if she could make it in less than 80 days. After hearing about Bly's trip, *The Cosmopolitan*, the magazine Elizabeth worked for, decided to send Elizabeth the opposite way around the world. They hoped this would give her an edge, thus beating Nellie's time around the world. I loved that this book read like a novel. It made for more entertaining and faster reading than if it had just been a book of facts. I also really liked that there were a lot of unique details all brought together in this book. Without this book, one would probably

have to spend hours searching through multiple sources to find all the little details included in the book. It is a longer book, but it was still quite enjoyable. I would recommend it to anyone who loves travel, history, adventure, or the Victorian era. I received a copy of the ebook in exchange for an honest review.

This was a very enjoyable book. I am a fan of historical fiction and the story of two women individually racing around the world trying to beat the 80 days of Jules Verne's novel was a compelling subject. I was familiar with the name of Nellie Bly, though not her trip around the world. Elizabeth Bisland, the other reporter, was unknown to me. The author utilized the women's accounts of their journeys as much as she could, making such adjustments as necessary to keep the story flowing. Their descriptions of the people, places, and things they saw was interesting. Part of what makes the book neat is the reader gets a description of what the world was like in 1889/1890 -- the breadth and power of the English empire; the attitudes of westerners about the inhabitants of the lands of the East; attitudes towards women; what travel was like by ship and train; etc. This book is well worth the read. I received a copy of the ebook in exchange for a review.

I never knew about this history. This is a charming, witty telling of this piece of history. I would recommend it for all readers of historical fiction. These were real women who accomplished an amazing feat. Bravo!

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