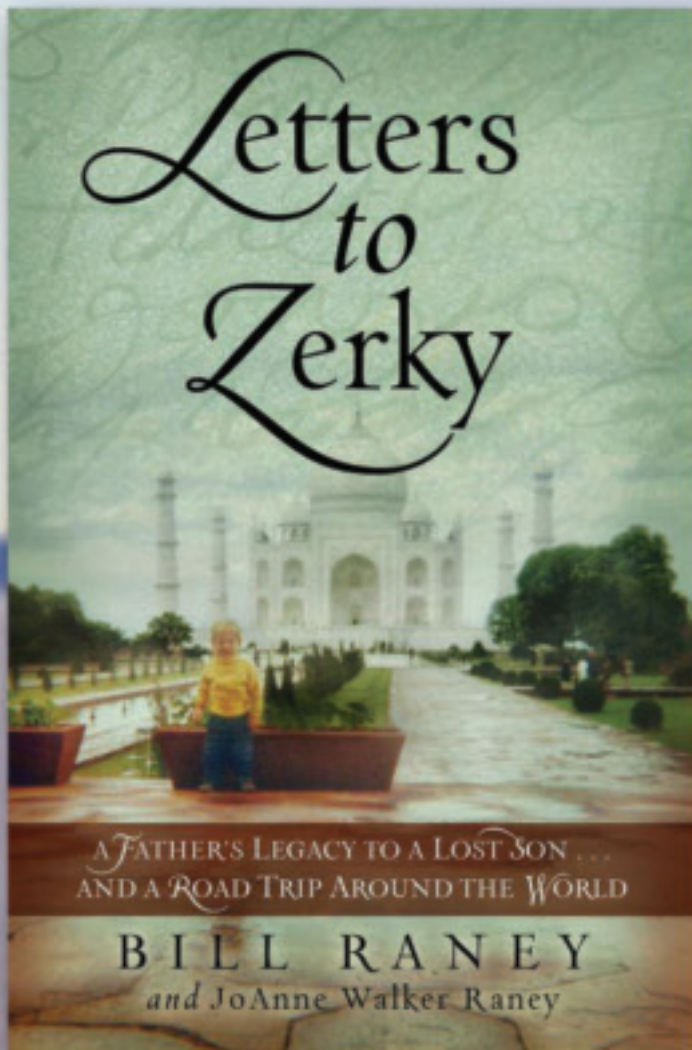


How Many Toddlers Go Trekking in Nepal?

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“By the time nightfall overtook us we had covered three-fourths the distance from Kandahar to Kabul, and are now having reservations about spending the night ‘camped wild’ in such a wild, wild place. Throughout the day we have been passing people wandering the road, many of whom appear to be nomads. They are fierce and handsome people — women dressed in embroidered dresses, disdainful to cover their faces as we pass, their men in huge ragged white turbans and heavy baggy pantaloons. Many carry rifles that appear to be left over from the nineteenth century. These are people who know little of modern states, governments or laws — their codes and loyalties are tribal. We are foreigners, intruders. Afghanistan has a long history of violence going back at least as far as when Genghis Kahn's Mongol hordes ransacked the country... Such were our thoughts as we made camp for the night, just far enough off the road so as not to be stumbled over in the dark by a passing camel caravan.”

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