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**Michael Lorelli : Traveling Again, Dad?** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Traveling Again, Dad?:

4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. The art of travelBy Kurt ReichenbachThis is a picture book. Sure, the text is important (and in this case, very clever and thought-provoking) but it is the art that makes this book unique. The illustrations are by Drew Struzan, the foremost illustrator of movie posters working today (Star Wars, Indiana Jones). Here he brings the same humor and whimsy that he brings to much of his better known movie poster work (Police Academy, Cannonball Run, The Flintstones). Mr. Struzan has apparently produced only this single illustrated book so fans of great illustrated children's books should snap this rare volume up. Each page brings a surprise and a chuckle, regardless of the age of the reader. These collaborators work hand-in-hand, taking our furry hero through his traveling adventures in a highly entertaining yet educational way.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This a wonderful and informative bookBy Arlene S. HirschThis book fills a unique place in the literature for children whose parents have to travel for work. Told through the eyes of Awesome, the family's pet hamster, it takes its young readers through the roller coaster of emotions that they often feel when a parent travels and offers guidance and advice on how to stay connected to their traveling parent.As an added bonus, the illustrations are really amazing.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Nice illustrations. Prose lacking.By A CustomerAlthough the illustrations are nice, the writing was a somewhat disappointing.

A family's pet hamster describes how everyone feels when Dad has to go away on a business trip.

From Publishers Weekly Lorelli, president of the American Tambrands corporation, and movie-poster illustrator Struzan take a can-do approach to the challenges faced by families when a parent has to be away on business. A pet hamster coyly narrates how two girls cope with Daddy's business trip: "Bethy dreamed of Dad returning home in a few days, so they could all play softball together. Maybe we can all play. I'll play shortstop and our cat, Blinker, can play third base." From saying good-bye to tracking Dad's travels on a map on the fridge to faxing him at the hotel, the concept gets stretched a mite thin. Struzan's snapshot-style illustrations of an overemotive family are rendered mostly in black and white, with the hamster and other selected elements in color to liven things up, and they match the text in their glibness. Ages 2-up. Copyright 1995 Cahners Business Information, Inc.