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Tom Vanderbilt (born 1968) is an American journalist, blogger, and author of the best-selling book, Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We Do (and What It Says About Us) Contents 1 Career

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Journalist Tom Vanderbilt has made a career out of writing about topics from the mundane to the obscure, including sneakers, Quonset huts and nuclear fallout shelters. His writing is distinguished by its attention to detail, with exhaustive research used to explore every nuance of a given subject.

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How We Drive is the companion blog to Tom Vanderbilt's New York Times bestselling book, Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We Do (and What It Says About Us), published by Alfred A. Knopf in the U.S. and Canada, Penguin in the U.K, and in languages other than English by a number of other fine publishers worldwide.

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In traffic, writes Vanderbilt, “we struggle to stay human.” He approaches traffic as a collective human act, with all the complexity that entails. Our driving is fraught with paradoxes, unintended consequences, and inexplicable behaviors. Consider coffee, or specifically Starbucks, which exerts a strong influence on traffic patterns.

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Most of us have an inflated sense of our competence behind the wheel, Tom Vanderbilt tells us in "Traffic." And that doesn't even begin to address potential dangers from drowsy or distracted drivers on the road. Vanderbilt, a writer specializing in design, technology and culture, provides an engaging,