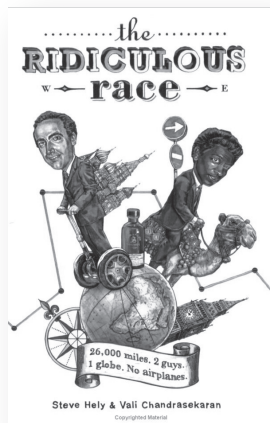


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The Ridiculous Race

Steve Hely '98

It started as a friendly wager: two old friends from *The Harvard Lampoon*, now hotshot Hollywood scribes, challenged each other to a race around the globe in opposite directions. There was only one rule: no airplanes. The first man to arrive back in L.A. having crossed every line of longitude would win Scotch and infamy.

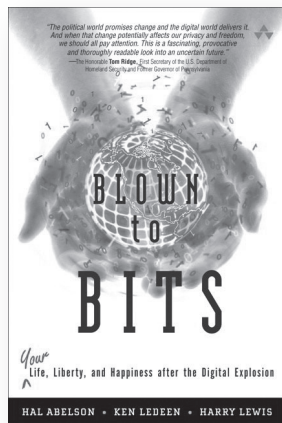
Steve Hely, with Vali Chandrasekaran, is coauthor of *The Ridiculous Race* (Henry Holt & Co., 2008), which chronicles a pair of hilarious, hazardous, and eye-opening journeys into the farthest corners of the world. From the West Bank to the Aleutian Islands, the slums of Rio to the steppes of Mongolia, traveling by ocean freighter and the Trans-Siberian Railway (pranking each other mercilessly along the way), Vali and Steve, eager but ill-prepared, plunge into global adventure.

Mr. Hely writes for the Fox animated comedy *American Dad!* He was twice president of *The Harvard Lampoon*, and has been a writer and performer on *Last Call* with Carson Daly and a writer for *The Late Show* with David Letterman, the latter earning him an Emmy Award nomination.

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Blown to Bits

Harry Lewis '65

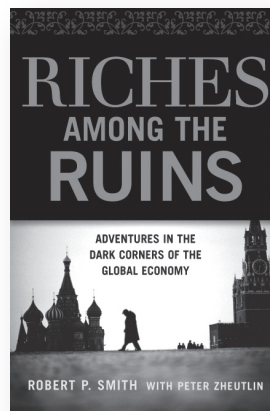
Harry Lewis's new book, *Blown to Bits: Your Life, Liberty, and Happiness After the Digital Explosion* (Addison-Wesley, coauthored with Hal Abelson and Ken Ledeen) was published in June 2008. In accessible, nontechnical language, the book calls attention to the consequences to privacy and civil liberties of things that did not exist when Harry was at Roxbury Latin: cheap digital cameras and other sensors, high speed data networks, and tiny disk drives with massive storage capacity. In a curious time loop, the book also tells the story of how today's wireless technology was launched through the efforts of **Michael Marcus '64**—with whom Mr. Lewis had almost no contact since they both left Roxbury Latin for opposite ends of Cambridge 44 years ago. Mr. Lewis is the Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science at Harvard and a trustee of the School.

Riches Among the Ruins

Robert P. Smith '58

Compared to Indiana Jones by *Forbes* magazine, Robert P. Smith is one of the world's most fearless financial adventurers. His book, *Riches Among the Ruins: Adventures in the Dark Corners of the Global Economy* (Amacom, March 2009), captures his experiences and insights over the last 30 years of trading in Third World debt.

Spanning the development of emerging markets, *Riches Among the Ruins* follows Mr. Smith's movements as he races through



the streets of Baghdad after the fall of Saddam, wheels and deals on the streets of Vietnam, and loses more than \$15 million dollars in one day in post-communist Russia. We travel with him through the precarious and exhilarating world of the debt trader as he negotiates with unseemly businessmen on the streets of Istanbul, ducks shakedown artists in Nigeria, and alternately charms and infuriates corporate big shots in Guatemala. Adrenaline-fueled and utterly compelling, this is the gripping story of one man's quest for fortune where others feared to tread. He says, "When I started in this business, the phrase 'global economy' wasn't even in my dictionary. But in my own small way, I helped pioneer a niche in the emerging global financial market—the trade of sovereign debt—which has grown from a few million dollars a year to more than \$1.7 trillion annually."

Riches Among the Ruins looks back on big trading days—before the widespread, instant availability of information, when no one had a clue what value to attach to a Nigerian promissory note. Mr. Smith reflects: "It was a hell of a run, filled with vibrant characters and cockamamie schemes that, even today, seem incredible, even though I thought up some of them myself."

Bullish on Uncertainty

Stanton E.F. Wortham '81

Bullish on Uncertainty (Cambridge University Press, 2009) provides rare insight into the secretive world of Wall Street high finance, which has shaped influential business, governmental, and cultural leaders

