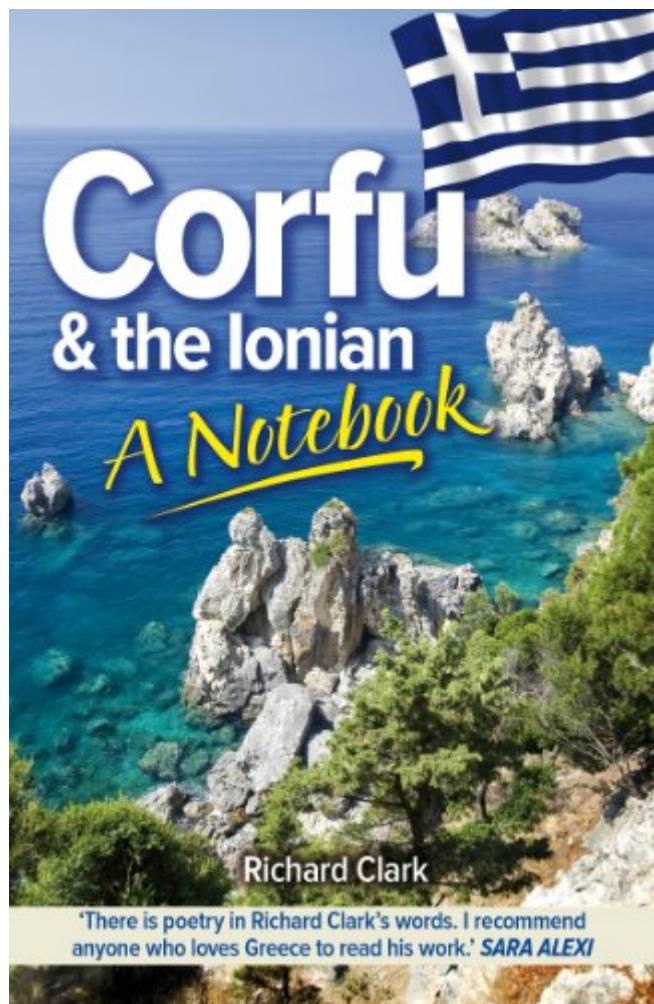


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I cannot believe that there are NO photographs in this book about Corfu ! Who cares what Clark writes as a personal memoir, tell me something that is of use to me on my trip... hotels, restaurants, side trips, cruises etc.

I did not read after the first few pages because I wasn't looking for a travel guide; however, it is well written.

I was given a review copy of Corfu & the Ionian A Notebook and was immediately whisked away to the homeland of my Papou through the rich and fluid writing style of author Richard Clark. Though I'd never visited Corfu a dozen times, Mr. Clark's research and first hand encounters added more depth to what I'd been told or studied over the years. Mr. Clark does a fine job of taking the reader with him to the Byzantine style churches, the sparkling crystal blue beaches, the many spectacular vistas draped in olive groves and cypress trees, the countryside dotted with wildflowers, and small villages with men playing cards and drinking ouzo. While doing so, he discusses the history, both mythical and well documented, along with the culture, people, Mediterranean cuisine, and the influences of those who invaded and occupied the island over the centuries. In the back of the book Mr. Clark includes phrases for "getting by in Greek", a historical guideline, and Greek Food at a glance, making it a handy take along guide for anyone traveling to Corfu and the Ionian Islands. I most enjoyed his scrutiny of the current economic climate and its affect on the Greek people. He is up to date with his information and truly gives great insight into the upheaval, but maintains that the Corfiots are proud of their island and continue to welcome the many tourists who seek to indulge in their island's beauty and tranquility.

Richard Clark's love of Greece is evident on every page. It is a quirky mix of history, culture and reminiscences as the author takes us with him on his journey. He really gets under the skin of Greece and recaptured some wonderful memories for me as I read it. Ideal for anyone who has ever been to Corfu or is thinking of visiting. It will definitely get you in the mood for don't forget the ouzo.

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