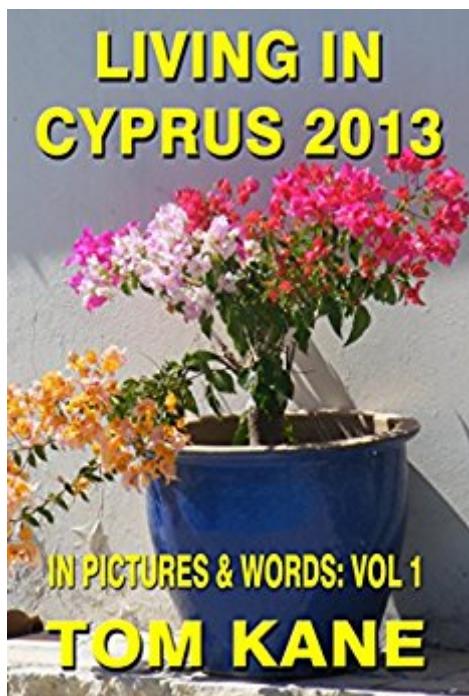


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Living In Cyprus



Synopsis

What rattles your cage and makes you put pen to paper? Tom Kane is an English ex-pat living in the small Mediterranean island of Cyprus, and these are his observations of life as an ex-pat in Cyprus. Although part of Europe and in the EU, Cyprus is close to the Middle East, which is a bit unnerving when you realise only a hundred miles away there is a civil war raging in Syria. Tom has been blogging about Cyprus for many years and in this book we go from pornographic beer adverts to the island going broke, from Spy planes to flying dogs and from snake charming to rescuing dogs from a raging bush fire. Irreverent and funny but always observant, Tom Kane takes you on a ride through the funny, sad and odd side of Cyprus.

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Customer Reviews

The first reviews of a book are often posted by friends who write very short, very glowing reviews. I ran across Tom on Twitter about six weeks ago, and my theory is that reviews should tell you whether a book or other product will please *you*, since people have different situations. It's hard to write 20K or more words on any topic. Organizing your thoughts is a challenge, especially when you

think A is extremely important, but there's not much you can say about it, and B is of trivial importance, but boy, have you a good story to tell. That's one reason blogs are so popular among readers. You get the good stories, and nobody worries that it's not the important stuff. Please pass the pork rinds, don't ask me if I've eaten my turnip greens. So who wants to read a book about Cyprus? Obviously, someone who wants to visit there, or perhaps move there. I suppose there are lots who would enjoy "Cyprus on \$62.50 a day!" tourism guides, but that's not what Tom has put together. He might not be the best person to write a book on tourism, anyway; I recently moved from Lancaster, PA, where I lived for 12 years, and I can tell you about oriental groceries, barber shops, and where to get your car fixed, but I know little about the tourist traps there. This book isn't about Cyprus so much as it is about the Kane family. He's living in this odd location, but the book reads like letters from your brother. And it starts off with hazard from an extremely poisonous snake to grab you, but this is obviously not "Snakes On A Plane", it has no need to build to an artificial climax, no need for the cavalry to appear from over the horizon to rescue the hero. Maybe the dog will get bit and die. (We assume that if Tom gets bit, he lives long enough to publish.) To me, that sounds like a formula for a very readable book. And the sample, on which I based this review, bears that out. I have no special interest in Cyprus, and reading the news tells me, more than I really want to know, but Christmas has left me tapped out, even for a measly 99 cents, so I will be back after my Social Security check arrives on the 3rd, to buy "the rest of the story", as Paul Harvey put it. But not because I want to live in Cyprus, or even to visit there.

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