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*A Personal Adventure into
Culture and History
by Scott Quigley*



Synopsis

This is a book which brings to life the fascinating history of a nation and illuminates the modern culture and people of Turkey through stories of our adventures in this great country, It is an entertaining and humourous book, written in an easy style, as if the author were in a cafe chatting to the reader. The pages recount our expectations, surprises and frustrations, the warm welcomes, cultural confusions and pure enjoyment of the land and people which together create what is modern Turkey. The book is aimed at readers who want something alternative to a travel guide, an entertaining read which paints a picture of a nation, animating the people and bringing the history and culture to life. It is different to other books on Turkey because of the style in which it is written and also because there are no other books on Turkey which combine a complete historical picture with personal adventures. The condensed history of their fascinating and entertaining past is written in the same jesting and easy style as the rest of the book. It is presented in separate sections so that you can easily refer to them again.

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Customer Reviews

Turkey, the abode of a people described as "the most Eastern of the Europeans, the most Western

of the Asians" is a deeply fascinating country, and this delightful book brings to life the rich history and culture of a nation through stories of the author's travels and travails in this utterly absorbing realm. More an extended travel essay than a conventional travel guide, Scott Quigley's "Tea Time in Turkey" is an engaging and witty book, written in a pleasant conversational style that recounts the author's and his spouse's move from Dublin to Alanya and his many adventures in the land and among the people which together create today's Republic of Turkey. No other book on Turkey (to the reviewer's knowledge) combines so effectively and entertainingly a brief but well-organized cultural and political history with personal narrative. Written in a light, humorous style, one can easily sense oneself sitting in a Dublin pub sharing a pint with the author as he spins his tales of life in a distant land. Mr. Quigley's work makes extensive use of non-standard English in its conveyance of Irish brogue and Turkish burr, but that only adds to its charm: "The drinking of tea at every possible opportunity is an essential part of life in Turkey; anytime you go shopping in Turkey (or do anything else for that matter!) you gotta be ready to drink a lotta tea." A thoroughly fun, and most informative tale of one couple's year of living in Turkey, what they learned, and how they how they survived and thrived. Great vacation reading!

The author missed so many opportunities to make his personal experiences a little more fleshed out & polished. Rather surprising that his grammar & vocabulary were so rudimentary & that there were so many typos). He was rather flippant about his experiences, some of which would have benefited from a deeper injection of historical tidbits. He barely covered any of the tumultuous, current events. The best parts were the chapters solely on history (well explained, totally different writing style, like someone else had done it). There is so much more information that westerners should & would want to know. Quigley sadly failed to satisfy my expectations on such a complex & rich culture.

Presently, I am in the process of completing my read of Mr. Quigley's Book: Tea Time in Turkey. I think for the novice traveller, this is an excellent read. The Author's personal views about the Turks, the EU and such are very interesting. I think he realizes that the EU has definitely created a lot of painful economic problems to the Author's native Country of Ireland as the Irish are now being heavily taxed. Presently, Ireland is saddled with a huge debt due to the mistakes of the EU. Sad to state, the Irish have lost most their past economic sovereignty. As for the Turks, the Author feels that once the Turks join the EU, many of their present economic advantages as well as their national sovereignty will be lost as the EU is faced with the national debts of Spain, Portugal as well

as Greece. These debts were created by the irresponsible government free spending habits of these States so the rest of the EU has to pay for these mistakes. So again, each EU State is required to pay off the debts of other EU States. Mr. Quigley did an excellent job by providing a concise History of both the Turkish (Ottoman) Empire as well as the Turkish Republic as created by Ataturk. I think his interest in providing a profile of the present day Turks has been able to adapt to the on going rise of tourism as well as the important fact how the average Tourist can adapt the the ongoing attitudes of today's Turks. Thank you and again, this book is well worth the time to review.

Quite an enjoyable read, used a lot of Irish colloquialisms which makes understanding a bit difficult in parts!! Lots of spelling/grammar/typo errors in the book. Sometimes has that Bill Bryson feel to it as you get a potted history of Turkey as you're reading about his adventures there, plus a good dollop of humour - so maybe a good edit and it would have been a much more polished and enjoyable final book!! Good links to sites on the internet - I read it on my ipad so I could link into the sites which was great :)

I've been reading books for 60 years and have never encountered one as poorly edited, as filled with errors of grammar and punctuation, as this one. It quickly became apparent that in every instance calling for the possessive "its" one would see the contraction "it's". The book might have been reasonably enjoyable had the reader not been bombarded with the distracting errors.

referring to his wife as mad one became very tiring and distracting. the authors attempt to make little jokes was shallow and needless. overall, it is poorly written.

Having lived in Turkey in the 70's it took me back to the great time my husband and I had there. It is such a wonderful place. The description were great and the history easily read. I am thinking of going back again. thank you for your book.

Scott has an interesting perspective on Turkey, if its a travel book your after this sort of does it. If your after a history book, this sort of does it. If your after someones exploits in a foreign land, this sort of does it. But never really completed any of these. What I did like was Scott's perspectives and details of changes he noticed. If your after some knowledge and history and what its like to spend some time in Turkey, this is worth the read. But if you do it in an Irish accent as Scott has written it, it will be read as Scott has written it.

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