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Good Morning, Corfu: A Year On A Greek Island (Tales From Corfu Book 1)



Synopsis

Good Morning, Corfu: A Year on a Greek Island charts the spell woven by this Greek island on an English couple for whom the past is in danger of being more exciting than the future. In an honest, affectionate and warm account of a grown-up gap year, UK magazine columnist Maddie Grigg introduces the reader to a cast of real-life characters and the rich history of Corfu's traditions, and reveals what happens when the holidaymakers have gone home.

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Customer Reviews

I love the Greek Islands and return there every summer for a holiday. I've often wondered what it would be like to live there. Maddie Grigg did just that, and at a time when the austerity measures were starting to bite and we were hearing stories of hardship. But there was nothing but "Filoxenia" - friendship to foreigners - from the villagers who became the Griggs' neighbours for a year. A spontaneous invitation to visit the Brits' house for a Christmas celebration resulted in many Greeks bearing gifts. Another striking example, later in the book, saw the Griggs leaving Corfu to visit the Greek mainland. A scribbled note from one of their Greek friends, recommending they visit a particular restaurant, resulted in hugs and free hospitality from the restaurant's owners. The book

gives us more than the usual "expats abroad" account of eccentric foreigners and strange traditions. It's rich in the details of the wonderful fragrances and food of Corfu; the abundance of native flora and fauna and the steadying, comforting influence of the Greek Orthodox Church. There's an interesting personal narrative from Maddie as she battles with home sickness and her perceptions of her own value. She sees herself as an observer with her extrovert husband managing to turn any awkward social situations to his advantage. But the book shows this is a winning combination. The observer and listener has created a lasting and memorable postcard from a wonderful place and brought to life a rich cast of characters.Â Good Morning, Corfu: A Year on a Greek Island (Tales from Corfu Book 1)

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