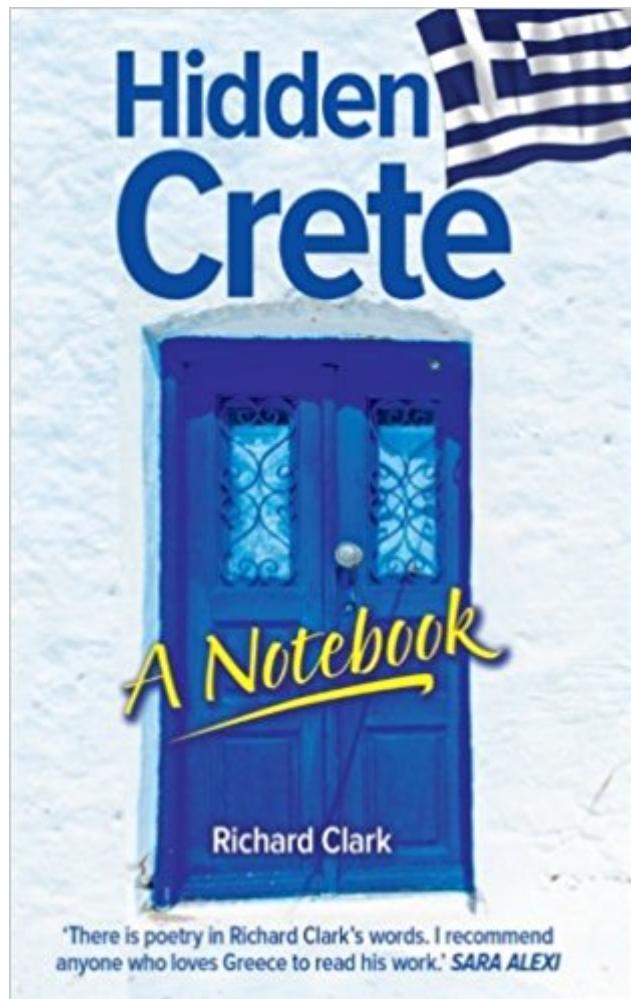


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Hidden Crete



Synopsis

Following on from his acclaimed Notebook series about the Greek Islands, Richard Clark travels to some less-well known spots on Crete. In his now familiar style of travelogue and memoir he accompanies the reader on a journey around Hidden Crete, to some of the more out of the way places he has enjoyed visiting.

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Customer Reviews

Richard Clark is a writer, editor and journalist who has worked on an array of national newspapers and magazines in the UK. In 1982, on a whim, he decided to up sticks and go and live on the Greek island of Crete. So began a love affair that has continued to this day, when he still visits the Greek islands on a regular basis. He is married with two grown up children and lives in Kent.

Clark has both a deep affection for Crete and all of Greece and a gentle and evocative writing style. We have spent enough time in country (three month long trips in recent years) to appreciate his insights and enthusiasm. The focus is on the locals, local color and a bit of useful history. The author's persona and preferences inevitably are distilled and shared modestly and appropriately. There are plenty of guide books for the big stuff-the major touristic sites, critiques of hotels and restaurants, the formidable logistics of getting around the territory.. Once you have checked those boxes, if you need to do that, the question remains-what is the essence of the country and the locale? Clark savors the places in between, where a hearty taverna is sustained more by residents than transients, where historic battles or treachery are concealed but linger; and beaches, woods and olive groves have not surrendered to generic commercialism. Clark is attuned

to where Greece still inspires us. The book is rather short. Perhaps that is why he has added, about 30%, excerpts from his other Greek journals, and a glossary of basic Greek vocabulary and menu item descriptions. The excerpts were useful for me, as his insights into Rhodes and Corfu confirm my view that he is an author worth reading.

A bit thin -- I expected more.

Enjoying my way through Richard's book when at my boyfriend's house. It brings back my times in, and reads of, Crete; happily furthering my knowledge of the island. This book should encourage anyone to travel there, and just reading it feels like the most comfortable sofa ever. Lovely.

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