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# Trying To Understand Brazilian Culture: Memoir Of A Brit In São Paulo



## Synopsis

Itâ™s a truth acknowledged by pretty much every seventeen-year-old guy with an Internet connection: Brazil is one of the sexiest countries on the planet. When looking at pictures of the country online you can expect to see samba dancing goddesses, ridiculously tropical beaches and, of course, the infamous Carnival celebrations. But if youâ™ve ever wondered what life is like beyond these images, this is the book for you. Penned by award-winning British blogger Andrew Creelman, this memoir will give you an intimate insight into the reality of Brazilian culture. After arriving in the country on a bit of a whim, Andrew has spent the last four years in São Paulo attempting to understand Brazilians and their culture. Within the book, some incredibly highbrow questions are explored. Does Brazil really resemble one giant, dangerous game of Grand Theft Auto? Whatâ™s it like to live in a football-mad country? Are ALL Brazilian women beautiful? What is it like to teach over here? And perhaps the most important question of all is addressed within these pages: why, oh why, do Brazilians wear so little on the beach!?! Contents of the book include: Chapter One â™ How I Ended Up In Brazil Chapter Two â™ Settling In Chapter Three â™ Teaching Brazilians Chapter Four â™ Going Out In São Paulo Chapter Five â™ Music Chapter Six â™ Five Things About Brazilians I Didnâ™t Expect To Discover In My First Six Months Chapter Seven â™ Brazilian Women Chapter Eight â™ Crime Chapter Nine â™ Football Chapter Ten â™ Brazilian Beach Culture Chapter Eleven â™ Being British In Brazil Chapter Twelve â™ Conclusion About The Author Reviews: Mark Hilary This is a short, easy to read introduction to life in Brazil. Andrew has not written this as a tourist guide, it's more like a memoir of how he settled into living life in Brazil - what worked, what was unusual, and what could be a complete disaster. He has a friendly style that keeps you turning the pages. If you are a foreigner living in Brazil then it's worth reading just to see what you identify with too, if you are thinking of taking the plunge and moving to Brazil then take a look too. It's not a detailed how-to guide - he is not telling you how to get a visa or pay your taxes, this is entirely personal observations on the cultural difficulties a Brit can have when settling into Brazil and being in that position myself I can identify with much of his book! Chris Wright One of the best ways to get a feel for a country is to look through the eyes of someone who's gone through the hard cultural landing of just arriving and is now living out all the cool reasons for coming. And Brazil has many. Brazil seduces and has a vibe that most countries would love to rent for the weekend. Andy helps you see it, experience it, laugh at it all and feel it. As a fellow Brit I appreciate his sharpness and humour to pin point the unusual and the fascinating. Better than a tour guide Andy is your São Paulo contact - your man who knows what makes Rio's big ugly sister show her bad cool side. Well recommended!

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Funny, easy read. I enjoyed the book a lot, especially the humorous insights and stories that he used to flesh out his points. Bottom line: worth the price and then some.

I'm still reading and enjoying it. I lived in SAO then end of the 1950-1962. Great memories, love that country, their culture and friendliness. I came from Germany and later immigrated to the USA. My then husband grew up there and the family is still connected with Brazil

Fun book. Borrowed it for free and ended buying it for another read. Highly recommended if you have any interest in visiting Brazil. Well done!

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