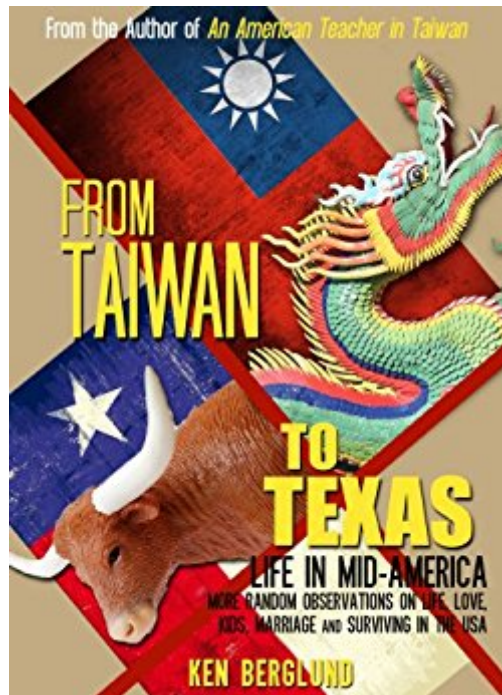




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Synopsis

Based on the popular blog, "From Taiwan to Texas: Life in Mid-America" is the follow-up to the author's previous book, "An American Teacher in Taiwan." After living in Taiwan for over 4 years, getting married, and having two children, "From Taiwan to Texas" tells the next chapter, when the family decides to move back to America...in particular...Austin, Texas. Unlike the first book, where the author experienced strange customs and bizarre in-laws, now the roles have been reversed, as the author's Taiwanese wife and kids truly experience America for the very first time. Against the odds, and with little cash, they decide to move back in May of 2008, when the Great Recession is at its peak. Jobs that were promised fall apart, and the family finds themselves struggling to survive. With every success, there are also setbacks: homelessness, suicide, family struggles, and an unexpected trip to a prison in Thailand are covered with sometimes brutal honesty. "From Taiwan to Texas" also contains more of the author's humorous and light-hearted observations on life, and no topic is off-limits. While the subject matter may get dark at times, there is always light at the end of the tunnel, and in the end you may just find yourself truly inspired.

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Here's a California boy who is about as far away from being a stoned surfer dude as he can get. He's married to a Taiwanese woman who had to be persuaded to move to the U.S. and who is "the bluntest woman I know." They are Gen Xer's, but they recognize that life is uncertain and they buy a house that's much more modest than they can afford and have savings. There is nothing not to like about these people. I got really interested in them (and their families) in his first book - "An American Teacher in Taiwan." I was not disappointed in this follow-up. Very worthwhile reading.

I first became enthralled with the author's life in the book "An American Teacher in Taiwan". I purchased the first book to learn more about ESL teaching overseas but instantly became more invested with the author's highly detailed, personal storyline. With "From Taiwan to Texas: Life in Mid-America", the trend of frank honesty concerning personal matters continues. It was a satisfying read for someone who had become invested in learning the outcome to the author's life in Taiwan. If you enjoyed the first book and were interested in learning how things worked out, I encourage you to get this book.

It is rare that I pay for an ebook memoir, but after reading the prequel to From Taiwan to Texas, I had to see what happened next. The writer is a likable chap with a great sense of humor. His forthright observations about life in Austin are as revealing as his tales of Taiwan. He makes the ordinary extraordinary. All the fantastic photographs enhance the book. I hope he still blogs. I'd like to keep up with this really cool guy.

I moved from Taiwan to Texas about 10 years ago. So I when I stumbled upon this title, it piqued my interest, since I have both places to relate to. However, after finishing this short book composed of blogs, I found this book to be unbearable. Despite his 4 and a half years in Taiwan, the author appreciated nothing about Taiwan. His descriptions of the island country are full of misinformation, prejudice, and sometimes pure unkindness. I don't know if the author made any Taiwanese friends when he was there. But if he did, he should definitely send a copy of this book to each of them to let them know how he feels about their country. Don't waste your money on this book.

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