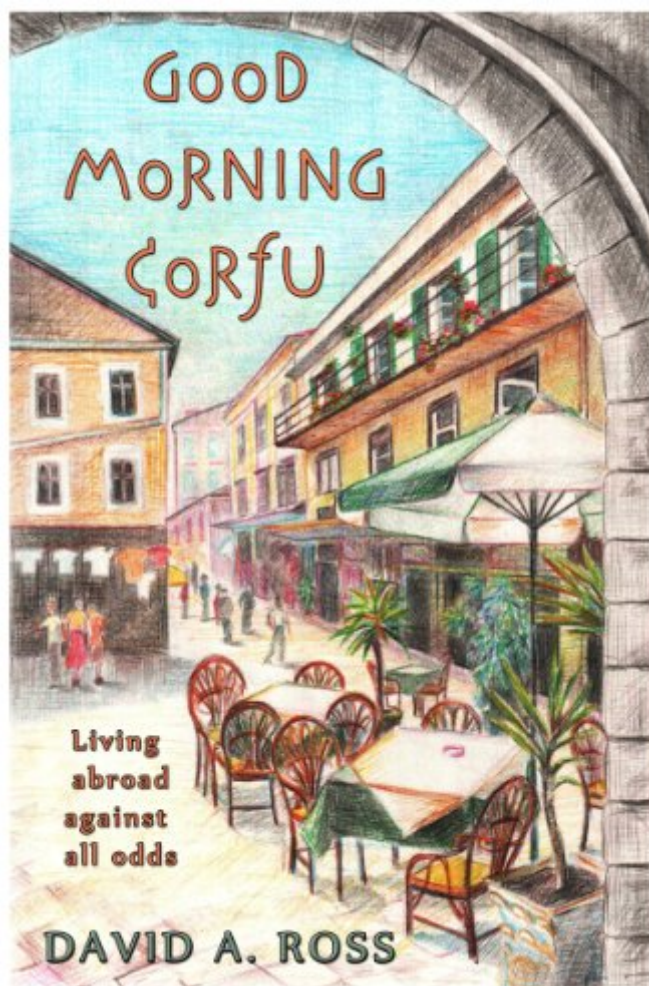


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The Island of Corfu in Greece is known as the Emerald Isle. William Shakespeare's metaphorical play, "The Tempest", was derived from the island's thunderous autumnal storms. Henry Miller, as well as Gerald and Lawrence Durrell, once called Corfu home. It is an island of intense beauty with fertile green land, golden beaches, turquoise waters, a beautiful Venetian-built city, and one of the most gregarious - and sometimes one of the most treacherous - cultures in Europe. More than a million people from all over the world visit Corfu each year, and over 30,000 expatriates live year round on the island. **GOOD MORNING CORFU: LIVING ABROAD AGAINST ALL ODDS** chronicles the experiences and observations of an American expatriate living on this Mediterranean outpost of dizzying extremes. From wide-eyed wonder to cultural and personal confusion, from unbridled joy to deep despair, and from empathy to outright loathing, these short essays examine both local and expatriate lifestyles through the lens of one deeply immersed yet forever removed, fundamentally involved yet perpetually on the perimeter of a most curious culture. Even more than a journal of events and experiences, the essays consider many of life's more profound issues and concerns with insight, optimism and humor.

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There is as much or more of the author's personal opinions about the U.S., life, how to live, etc., as there is about Corfu. Even though I agree with a lot of his opinions, hearing him preach got a bit old after a while.

If you are buying this book with the intention of reading an account of Corfiot life through the eyes of an emigrant, you will be severely advised not to. Although not advertised as such, it is a collection of mainly philosophical musings, rarely mentioning anything other than the fact the author lives in Corfu. What it certainly is not is a light hearted trip to the island with amusing anecdotes about the adventure of beginning a new life in an alien culture. These essays are probably ok to read as individual articles but as a book it comes across as repetitive and dull. File under "wine bar philosophers"

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