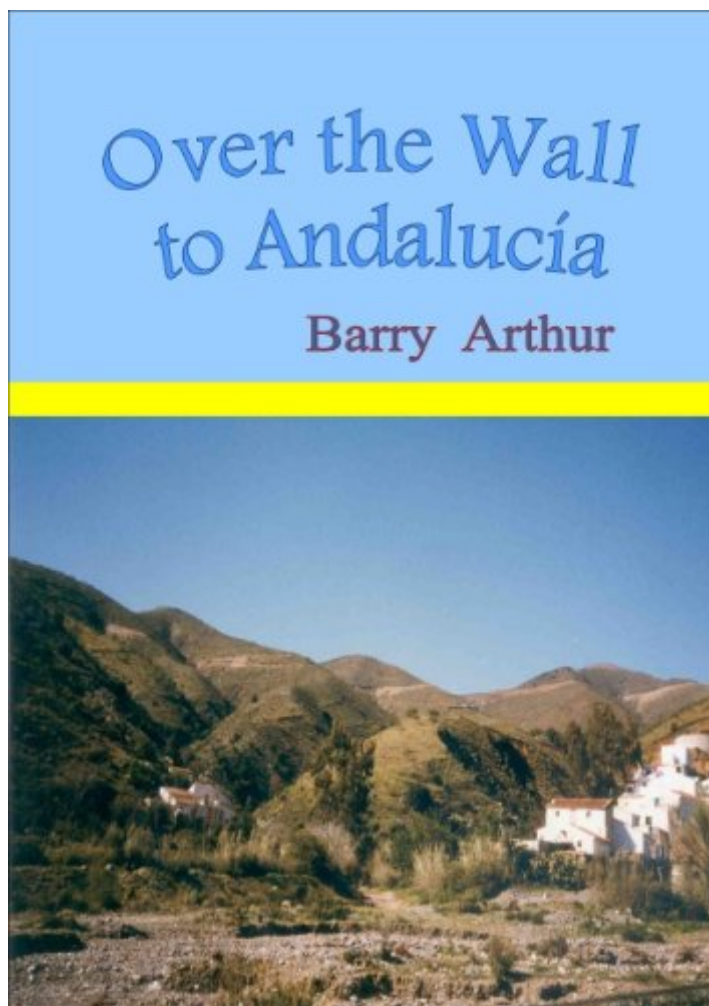


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Over The Wall To Andalucía



Synopsis

On a cold and drizzly winter's day, newly married, and with the prospect looming of being chained to a desk and a mortgage for the next 40 years, an estate agent's advertisement caught my eye: Whitewashed cottages set amongst olive and lemon groves in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. I looked out at the grey. "We must go and live in Andalucía," I said. Within two months we had flown to Spain and purchased a semi-ruined farmhouse in a peasant community a few miles inland from the Mediterranean village of Castell de Ferro. We planned to live there forever, be self-sufficient and all that we would need money for was tiresome things like petrol. After twenty months of noisy and exuberant planning in suburban Bristol we sold our home and set off for our new life. Most of our friends thought we were mad but said they would visit us once we had civilised the cortijo. My brother wrote, "Good luck climbing the wall." Looking back now, I am not sure whether my efforts to climb the wall arose from an overwhelming desire to find out what was on the other side or if I was simply running away. Over the Wall to Andalucía is a humorous tale of the extraordinary and wonderful adventure that enriched our lives, and underlines the need within all of us to live our dreams.

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Customer Reviews

One of the best books I have read on the subject of buying a place in Spain. Barry is a talented writer and you can feel, smell and experience all the stories he has to tell. It is a heartwarming, vivid book written with affection and I hope he has a few more experiences to write about as he is an excellent writer.

Lovely humour and a clear flowing style. I laughed and was part of the adventure. This does NOT disappoint for a second. Good descriptions of locals, interaction and problems with great solutions. Lovely!

I could feel the joy and love of the people and country among the obvious frustrations. Thoroughly enjoyed the descriptions and one liners that summarised the amusing, sad and happy situations. A beautifully captured time that in places was so vivid I could smell the mules, candles, straw, wine, sunshine, rain, engine oil and rubbish!

Very interesting book on how to move to Spain, how to get along (or not) and how you really need to have incredible staying power if you want to make your dream come true. Go ahead--give it a try!!

I like stories about people who make positive changes in their lives and this is certainly one, Very entertaining and well written.

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