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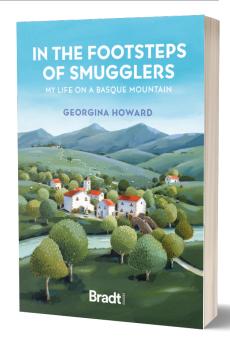
TRAVEL LITERATURE

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SMUGGLERS

MY LIFE ON A BASQUE MOUNTAIN

GEORGINA HOWARD

In the Footsteps of Smugglers follows the adventures of an outsider: a single mother, linguist, cosmopolitan nomad and cultural chameleon who paradoxically makes her home amongst an indigenous people deeply rooted in their land, with a language and culture dating back to stone-age times. Unwittingly, she repays their hospitality by luring anti-terrorist squads, blackmailers and spies into their midst as the dramatic past of the Basque Country proves to have unexpected and far-reaching consequences. An inspiring, humorous travel memoir, Georgina Howard's debut weaves behind-the-scenes vignettes of daily rural life and historical research to produce authentic insights on all things Basque, threaded with a rhapsody on the theme of identity.



KEY SALES POINTS

- Unique travel memoir covering 25 years of a single mother's life in remote mountains
- A wide-ranging, easily digestible introduction to Basque people and their culture
- Basque Country tourism up 10% on pre-pandemic levels (4 million tourists, 2022)
- Author co-presented TV documentary on the region with Michael Portillo (2022).

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Originally from Birmingham, UK, Georgina Howard studied European languages before heading to Copenhagen where she worked as a writer and taught intercultural awareness skills to Danish statisticians. In the 1990s she moved to an isolated Basque hamlet in the Spanish Pyrenees, where she has lived for the last 25 years. Here she set up a tour operator, Pyrenean Experience, which offers an eclectic mix of walking, culture and language holidays. *In the Footsteps of Smugglers* is her first book for Bradt.



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