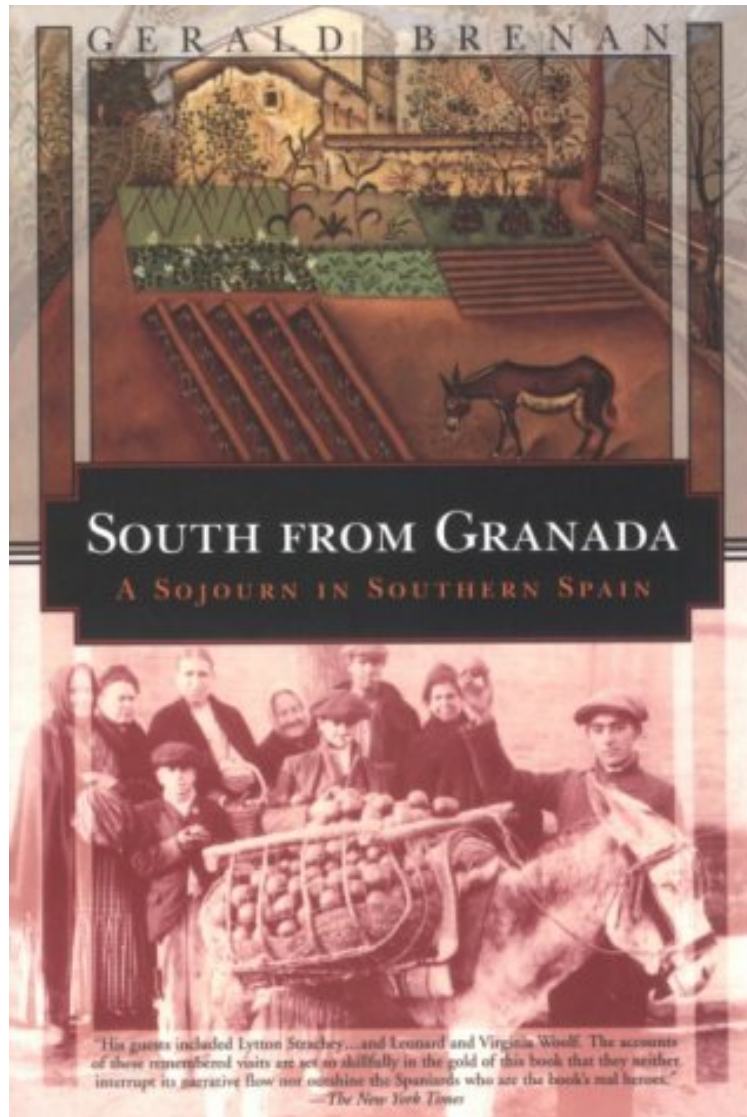


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Gerald Brenan : South from Granada: A Sojourn in Southern Spain (Kodansha Globe Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised South from Granada: A Sojourn in Southern Spain (Kodansha Globe Series):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An Englishman Immersed in Spain.By Cesar BarrosoThis is a wonderful book. The sense of observation and the talent of describing those observations of Brenan is superb. Even if

one is not interested in Spain and its people, which is not my case, it will love the details of the life of an Englishman in a backward hamlet of the mountains between Granada and Algeciras. Brenan left to Yegen just after fighting in World War I with his 1,600 books library. Yegen was a world in itself, completely detached from the rest of Spain and consequently of the planet. They did not know that WW I was fought just across the Pyrenees. They asked Brenan if he had fought against the "moros". It took me two days to digest that... I recommend the readers to get some additional information about Brenan in Google. He was not a saint and he does not mention in the book the daughter that he had with a Spanish girl. He took his daughter with him to England and never allowed them to meet again. Brenan is nowadays considered a hero in Yegen because he put the hamlet in the map, but some people still reproach him because of the daughter episode. Great reading!

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Excellent portrait of the Albujaarra, still relevant after 50 years

By David M. Giltinan

Although it was first published over half a century ago, Gerald Brenan's "South from Granada" is still considered by many to be the canonical text about the Albujaarra region of Spain's Sierra Nevada, the standard against which all other work is judged. Does it deserve its exalted reputation? You'll get no argument from me. Brenan writes intelligently and fluidly, and his account is always interesting, whether he is writing about his own personal experiences, or about his neighbors and the local customs of the Albujaarra. As he was friends with members of the Bloomsbury circle, the book also contains an account of (separate) visits by Lytton Strachey and Virginia Woolf. The following comments on Woolf nicely illustrate Brenan's perspicacity and generosity, two of the qualities that make this memoir so enjoyable to read: "I want to emphasize Virginia's real friendliness on this occasion and the trouble she took to advise and encourage me, because her recklessness in conversation -- when she was over-excited she talked too much from the surface of her mind -- made some people think that she lacked ordinary sympathies. I was young for my age, and rather earnest. ... She on the other hand was a writer of great distinction, approaching the height of her powers. Yet she and her husband not only concealed the impatience they must often have felt, but treated me as though I was their intellectual equal." Based on this book, I'm really looking forward to reading Brenan's writing on the Spanish Civil War. I highly recommend "South from Granada".

Readers with an interest in the region might also enjoy Chris Stewart's "Driving over Lemons".

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A fascinating book

By Orlando

Brenan's book is a finely written account of his life in a small village south of Granada in the 1920s. Written in the 1950s, it is partly a memoir, partly travel writing and partly history, and it is all good. A fascinating book. I will look for his other books now.

An amusing and insightful account of Spanish village life from "a brilliant interpreter of Spain to the rest of the world" ("The Times").

About the Author

Gerald Brenan (1894-1987) was an English writer who spent much of his life in Spain. He is best known for *The Spanish Labyrinth*, a work of history on the background to the Spanish Civil War and for *South From Granada: Seven Years in an Andalusian Village*. He was awarded a CBE in 1982, and was much honoured in Spain.

Chris Stewart is the author of *Driving Over Lemons*, which told the story of how Chris set up home in Spain to farm sheep and oranges and it went on to become an international best-seller. The 'sort-of' sequel *A Parrot In The Pepper Tree* followed in 2002 and continued the success of the first book. 2006 saw the publication of Chris' third book *The Almond Blossom Society*.