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After a year teaching in London the author decided to move to Barcelona to learn Spanish and meet people. His plan was a short career break, but an unexpected offer of a job in Barcelona led to a long residence in his new city. South to

Barcelona is a travelogue based on his experiences abroad. It is full of interesting stories and people such as his wildly talkative landlady and her ferocious dog; the ghost hunt with Ingrid in the old city; and his tortilla expert, Andalusian neighbour in the flat below. The journey to learn Spanish is uplifting and comically honest. From asking for a haircut without the toilet to stripping naked in a hospital the misunderstandings of the language are laugh out loud. The author writes with deep affection for his new home. La Rambla comes alive post-midnight and the bars of the old town are full of mischief and raffish charm. Where does he belong? Events seem constantly to conspire to change his plans. A journalistic assignment on Andorran football and then the murder of a British tourist. Property prices in the UK. And in the end a love story.