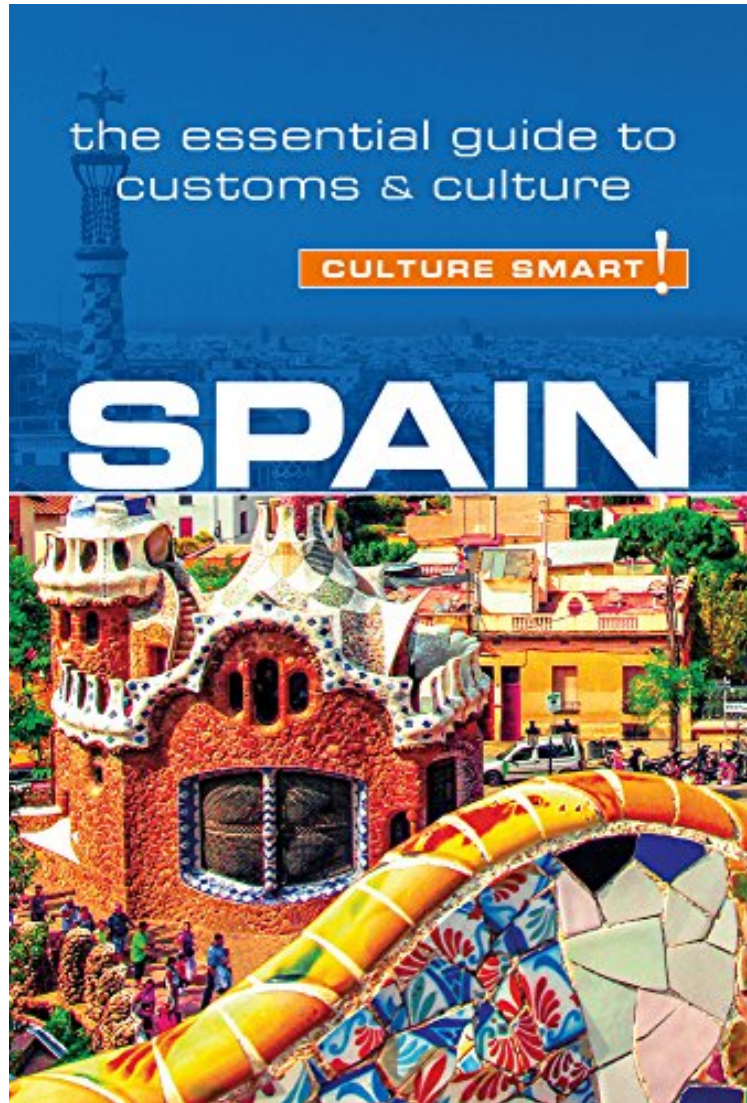


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culture, history, food, and customs that can be found in a typical guidebook. At the same time, the reader isn't bogged down in minute details of the country's history. Certainly, there are lots of books that cover that, but I wanted an overview, not an in-depth history lesson. One positive about the book is that the author does a decent job of covering the main regions/customs in Spain. Thus, the book isn't solely Madrid-focused or Barcelona-focused. The only downside for me is that some of the topics in the book were covered in a brief, cursory manner. This left me wanting to know more about certain topics. Still, the book informed my understanding of Spain in ways that most guidebooks and travel websites don't. Overall, I recommend this as a primer for anyone going to Spain, as it helps to orient the reader to daily life there. It's an 'easy' read and I believe it will make for a richer visit for us when we get to Spain in a few weeks.

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