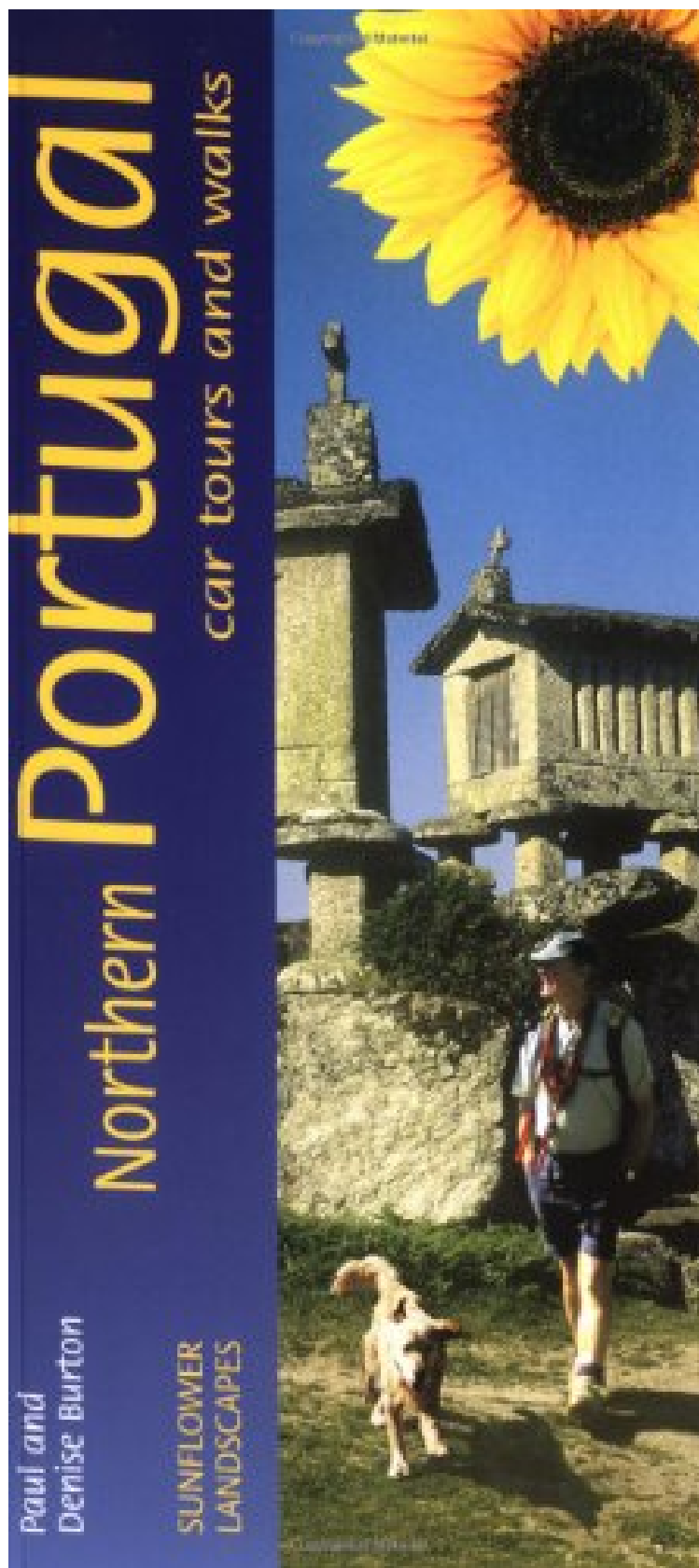


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time, and all praised Sunflower Landscapes of Northern Portugal: A Countryside Guide (Landscapes) (Sunflower Guides Northern Portugal):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Misleading title-- and limited infoBy Força Porto!The title of this book is actually "Northern Portugal: Car Tours and Walks", vice "A Countryside Guide". If you are a person who a) is a hiker, and b) has an automobile, then this book could be a useful adjunct guide for visiting northern Portugal. If you are interested in learning about the people, the history, the customs and culture, etc. of northern Portugal, you can do far better with other books. [An example: Braga, one of Portugal's four largest cities, was once a Roman Provincial capital; its cathedral dates back to the 10th Century and has a fine ecclesial museum; there's also an excellent archeological museum, as well as one of modern photography, among other cultural sites, and the Teatro Circo, itself an historic monument, brings in major Portuguese and international concerts... none of which you'd learn from this book.] With its niche, though, it is good at what it does, although because of its detailed and thus ever-changing information ("turn left twenty meters beyond the red-painted gate"), it's a good idea to check for updates at web address on the inside front cover. It is also a book written by Brits and for Brits, so Americans may find some references confusing. Sadly, some ignorance or prejudice shows through-- at one point, translating a sign at a place where thousands of refugees escaped into Portugal from the Nazis, the word "thousands" is placed in quotation marks by the authors (who first worked in Portugal under the former Fascist regime), throwing doubt on its accuracy-- apparently the authors don't know of Aristides de Sousa Mendes, the Portuguese Consul in Bordeaux who, in direct disobedience of the orders of his Fascist government, issued between two and three thousand visas allowing Jews and other refugees from the Nazis to escape when Germany invaded France. Sousa Mendes paid dearly for his actions, dying in abject poverty... when the Government of Israel awarded him its highest medal, the still-Fascist Portuguese government didn't allow the press to mention it, and most Portuguese couldn't learn of this hero until after the Revolution of 1974. It's sad that this book should cast such doubts as well.