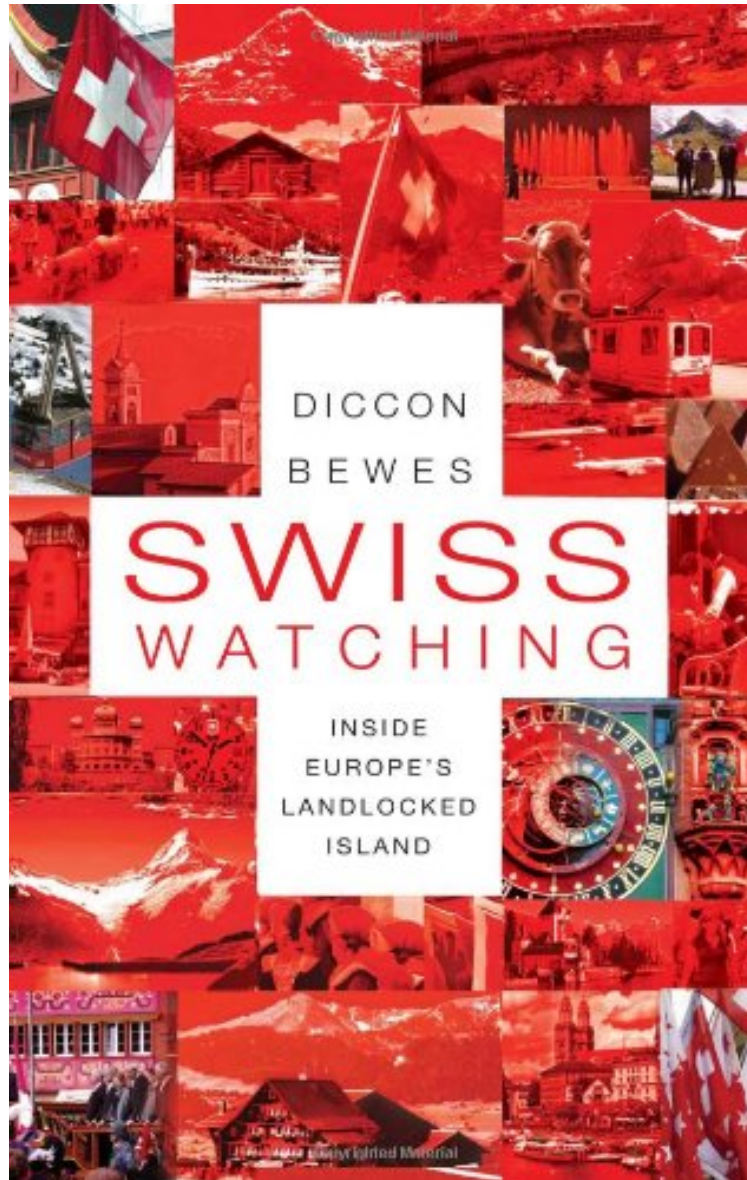


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Diccon Bewes : Swiss Watching: Inside Europe's Landlocked Island before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Swiss Watching: Inside Europe's Landlocked Island:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The wittiest geography/history lesson ever! By Virginia Woolf Swiss Watching is a must read for anyone who lives in Switzerland, or plans to visit or has been to Switzerland. The history of the different cantons is mind-blowing: like having several different empires within one country. The author has a

true gift. I found myself laughing out loud many times while reading this excellent book. I recommended it to many people, including one gentleman whose wife is Swiss. He gave a copy to her for Christmas and she loved it. I also loaned it to a friend whose late husband was a well known Swiss skier, and she said it was right on the money. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great read, even for Swiss guys! By Stephan Odermatt Being Swiss and having lived here my whole life, I was very curious about the perspective of my country and me and my fellow Swiss taken by a British writer. And, to say it upfront: The author really knows the subject he is writing about - even though I must say that I was slightly embarrassed with some of the attributes I got as a Swiss in that book, albeit them being quite true....;-) The author manages to describe vividly (and with quite a few shots of British humor - which I love!) the countryside and its people, also pointing out some caveats for non-Swiss in social behavior. I do confess here that I even learned about some historical facts about my country that I had not been aware of before. It appears to me that Diccon Bewes rather joined more conservative parties or was more in touch with traditional people. All these etiquette stuff he describes is true for a certain, maybe more upper class, part of Swiss. If you are in contact with Swiss people working in the social field (as myself) or in the artist community, everything is quite different: people are called by first names ("du"), you get invited extremely fast, you go for visits without making an appointment first, etc. And, one thing I am really not sure if it is true at all is the issue about red shoes. I will check this out! So, I highly recommend this book for everyone interested in Switzerland, being non-Swiss or Swiss! A great read, indeed!!! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Book By Zekel I love this book. I have laughed numerous times, but mostly I love the comparisons and insights into Diccon's experiences.

Swiss Watching is a light-hearted yet revealing journey around Europe's most individual country. From seeking Heidi and finding the best chocolate to reliving a bloody past and exploring an uncertain future, Swiss Watching proves that there's more to Switzerland than banks, skis, francs and cheese. One country, four languages, 26 cantons, and 7.5 million people (only 80% of whom are Swiss): there's nowhere else in Europe like it. Switzerland may be surrounded by land, but it is an island at the center of Europe. Welcome to the landlocked island.

Financial Times Book of the Year 2010 -- Financial Times About the Author Diccon Bewes is an experienced travel writer who has lived in Switzerland for four years. An 18-month world trip set him up for a career in travel writing, via the scenic route of bookselling. After ten years at Lonely Planet and Holiday Which? magazine, he decamped to Switzerland, where he is currently manager of the Stauffacher English Bookshop in Bern. As well as grappling with German, re-learning to cross the road properly, and overcoming his innate desire to form an orderly queue, he has spent the last four years exploring the bits of the country he'd never heard of before and eating lots of chocolate. See his website at www.dicconbewes.com