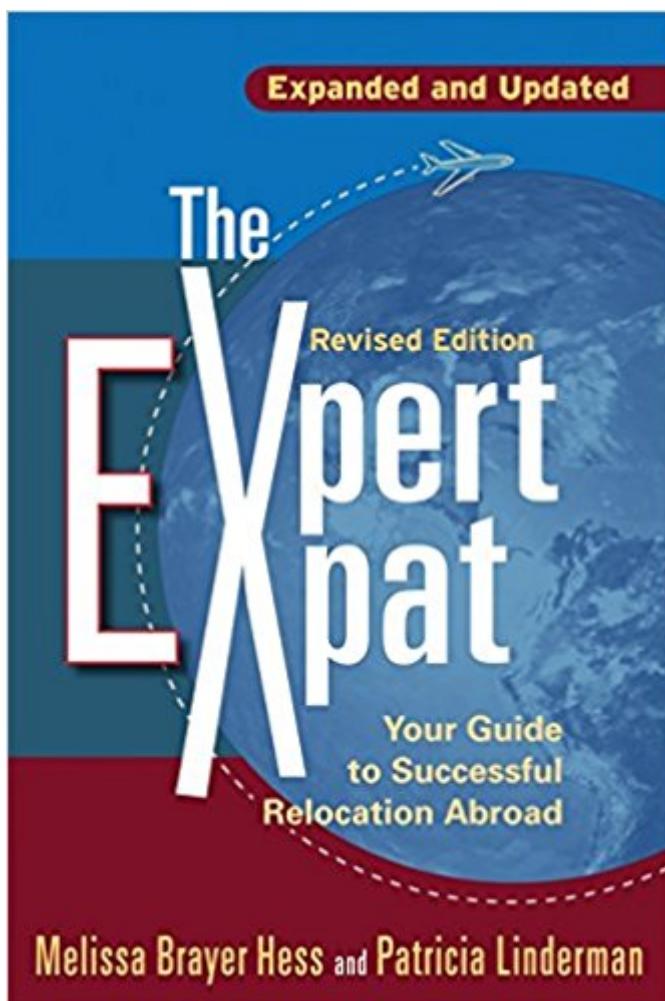


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# The Expert Expat: Your Guide To Successful Relocation Abroad



## **Synopsis**

Trusted by thousands of families and individuals, The Expert Expat is essential reading for anyone moving overseas. Personal stories - from the authors' dozens of years abroad as well as the experience of countless expats worldwide - help prepare people for the exhilarating and daunting task of establishing a life far from home. This new edition includes an important chapter on safety, expert advice on preventing identity theft and responding to terrorist threats and, for the increasing number of people traveling solo, guidance on networking and establishing a home. Now more than ever, The Expert Expat's practical advice and encouragement eases the challenges and helps create a rewarding experience living abroad.

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## **Customer Reviews**

[The Expert Expat] can help simplify, untangle, and enrich what will be one of the greatest experiences of your life! •From the Foreword by Alma Powell, wife of former US Secretary of State Colin Powell

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As someone who has worked in the relocation industry and is presently an expatriate, I can say from experience that The Expert Expat is hands-down the top book for anyone looking to or

currently on a relocation. Presented in an engaging and interesting way, the authors don't "talk down" to their audience, but use a friendly tone and explain industry jargon. Divided into nine chapters, the authors successfully and comprehensively address the critical aspects of a move, from moving your pets to tips on language learning, managing your move, and ensuring you're safe and healthy in your new location. The book is designed for anyone - company-supported or privately shifting residences with no big support - and with anecdotes from individuals all around the world, provides a detailed look at the experience and the experiences someone experiencing an international move will encounter.

This appears to be a book from two women who are married, with children, and as I recall their husbands had jobs that took them places. I don't fit into any of those categories. As such I found the book having limited appeal to my objectives. There were many little vignettes that provide some prospective of different country's and different circumstances. Also the approach seemed a little too global in contrast to focusing certain aspects of ex pat's. For me as a single retired male, who has a general idea of a destination, I found limited appeal of the book.

In reading the book, it is the voice of experience that echoes through each definitive chapter on issues faces from travelers overseas. There is a comprehensive compendium of knowledge here on tap. The repeating message to the reader is, "you can do this. You can accomplish this enormous task of relocating your life overseas." The book is as much an emotional booster as it is a formidable guide to not only surviving, but thriving overseas.

Before you go, while you're headed there, and even after you've moved, you'll find "The Expert Expat" an indispensable guide to living outside your country of citizenship. If you have the time or money for only ONE book, this is the one to purchase. Frequent "asides" from experienced expats illuminate the suggestions and information given in the ten chapters. Companies and organizations sending employees abroad should make sure families are given a copy of this book along with country specific material as soon as an expat assignment is accepted.

Very Old and useless information,,,Things,economics,laws,taxes change.Keep up with the times. A waste of time and Money. I have lived,worked in several countries out side the U S. If I followed this advice I would be in Deep Trouble.

For someone moving for the first time abroad, it has been really helpful. It gave me insight to situations I wouldn't have imagined, that way I was able to plan ahead for them.

Broader view about different family members and their reactions - and the steps of adjusting to life in a new country

This book is well written, though a bit dry in my opinion. I did appreciate the portions that deal with making friends and how various family member will cope differently with a move overseas. It is encouraging to accept the phases one may go through, such as the "Honeymoon" phase, homesickness, panic, acceptance etc. Knowledge of these in advance will help one not run at the first sign it is not all that was expected. Each place will have pros and cons and it takes time to adjust to the changes. This will especially be beneficial for those being sent overseas and their families.

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