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**Thomas Jerome Baker : I Live In Chile: Viva Chile** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised I Live In Chile: Viva Chile:

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Not Just a Love Fest; It's A Complete ExperienceBy Christopher OhnThis non-fiction novella is a true embodiment of love for a country. From the first page, the author conveys his love for the South American country so well that you, as the reader, almost become as passionate about Chile as he is. The collection of experiences and amazing photographs serve as evidence of the grandeur of the places and events he

talks about in the book. The stories and experiences are biased, but it is not a bad thing; after all, we all have our own way of experiencing the same thing. And in this case, it is easy to see Baker's understanding of the country and relate to it as he has. And don't get me wrong, this is not simply a "love fest" for Chile; it is a complete account of a culture: language, landscape, country, and history - through foreign eyes. The book contains hilarious exchanges between the author and his wife, links to background and historical information, and even videos filmed by the author or family members. This novella truly utilizes technology to provide a complete experience. It's almost as good as being there. The writing is impeccable and elevated, yet easy to understand and visualize everything the author is trying to convey. Thomas Baker's skills with the English language show through on every page, and serve as a demonstration of his skills as an instructor. I recommend checking out some of his other books and novellas; they are all inspiring.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Just what I was looking for...and more!

By D. Smith I had already a desire to visit Chile having heard how beautiful it was. I read a few of the other Chile "guides" in hope of finding more about the culture before I go. I try not to come off as a tourist when I visit new places. This is not easy but always makes the trip much more enjoyable...After reading these "guides" I was looking for more than just a few tips here and there and information was beginning to get repetitive. Then I stumbled on this book with a very unassuming cover but a title that said it all. Initially I didn't really expect much from it but with my curiosity and a title like that how could I resist?! Who better to give me the info I needed than someone who lived there an expat too? But as many of the other reviews stated this book is more than a guide. It goes deep into the culture. What also impressed me is the humility of the author. He doesn't profess or claim to be an authority but simply an observer. This book is his perspective and nothing more. To me, you really can't get a clearer picture than one through a clear lens. Unlike other authors who may have only visited for a few months to a couple years...he has not only been living there more than ten years but now has a Chilean family in Chile. He speaks about life in Chile as someone who can best relate what it is really like and he does it with full admiration and respect for the country. Thank you sir for sharing a bit of your life with us!

23 of 26 people found the following review helpful. I Was Totally Charmed By This Book!

By Marsha Roberts, Author of Mutinous Boomer Series I have had the good fortune to travel much of the world and there are a few spots I've yet to see that are top priorities. Chile wasn't one of them until I read this book. It is now. Thomas Baker made me want to drop what I'm doing and hop on the first plane to Chile! I've never read a book like "I Live In Chile." Baker wins you over from the beginning with his cheerful view of life and deep love for his adopted country. His descriptions of the people, the landscape and the customs of Chile range from mysterious to fascinating to humorous. I found this book to be completely unique in approach and style. At times it's a bit like a charming travelogue, written by the head of tourism! But, unlike an official release, this account is written with genuine love for the country and admiration for its people. However, what makes this book so exceptional is the effortless way the writer moves from the subject of Chile to how he came to live there and the often amusing ways he grew accustomed to the culture. It's the personal touch, which is the author's special voice coming through, that makes this such a lovely and compelling read. I truly enjoyed "I Live In Chile" and highly recommend it. This book is delightful in a most unusual way - don't miss it!

(Revised Updated February 2014) I Live in Chile. Viva Chile! I am fascinated with, and deeply in love with Chile (encantado enamorado). That will be the main aim of this book, namely, to share my life in, and my love for, this beautiful country, my beloved Chile. In doing so, you must realize that I am no tourist, I LIVE in Chile. I can only talk about those things which have had a significant impact on me, personally. I give you history, food, culture, language, landscapes, music, song and dance. I allow you to see Chile in a whole new light, through the eyes of a foreigner who loves living in Chile. I wish to share "my Chile" with you, much as one would share a bottle of fine wine with a friend. A glass for you, and a glass for me. Viva Chile! Cheers! Chile can be intoxicating to the senses, just as the wine is intoxicating if one is not careful. It is wise to experience her slowly, to take your time, again, as with a bottle of fine wine. Your enjoyment of Chile will be increased if you approach your relationship with her in this manner. Smile at Chile, and she will smile back at you. Walk with Chile, and she will walk with you. Dance with Chile, and she will dance with you. Sing with Chile, and she will sing with you. Chile has the driest desert in the world (the Atacama) in the north and the coldest region in the world in the south, the Antarctic. In between there are beaches and mountains, vineyards and forests, countryside and sprawling cities. To this, add the traditions and culture of Chile, her cuisine, a hearty South American food, the land itself with her recurring natural disasters, and finally, the people, who never cease to amaze me with their resilience and ability to withstand earthquakes, tsunamis, storms and volcanic eruptions.. My amazement borders on the incredulous, even after 12 years living here. Chile, as I have come to know her, is a mystical place, a magical place, and yet a melancholy kind of place. She is all alone at the end of the world. She is like a beautiful woman at a royal ball, so marvelously dazzling and charming that no one dares approach her, leaving her to be admired from a distance, and to go home alone, again... So you see, when you are in Chile, there is no need to hurry. It is a place that time has forgotten. And when time has forgotten itself, one day can last forever, or only for a moment. Enjoy the moments that you have in Chile, make them last as long as you need them to last. Your moments can be magical moments in this beautiful country. Your moments can be unforgettable moments in this beautiful country. Once you are here, whatever happens to you, whatever you do, is like nothing you have ever done or seen

before. I know this because, "I live in Chile". This is my life experience. Viva Chile! Be purposeful in what you see and do while in Chile. Take the time to feel the sun and the wind and the rain caress your skin. If you do this, you will remember how Chile has made you feel. Then, when the time has come for you to return to your country, you will go happy, and at the same time, feel sadness that you must leave her. Parting can be bittersweet, emotions mixed, yet with memories that will remain vivid for a lifetime...

About the Author Top 500 er Dennis Waller says: "A Humorous Entertaining Read! 5 Stars! \*\*\*\*\* er Published Author Dianne Harman says: "I Want To Go To Chile!" 5 Stars! \*\*\*\*\* er Published Author Janice Ross (JGRWriter) says: "its not about statistics, instead I Live In Chile focuses on the day-to-day lives of Chileans. From the landscape to way of life, their people, music, food and interactions." 5 Stars! \*\*\*\*\* Thomas Baker is the Past-President of TESOL Chile (2010-2011). He is the Coordinator of the English Department at Colegio Internacional SEK in Santiago, Chile.