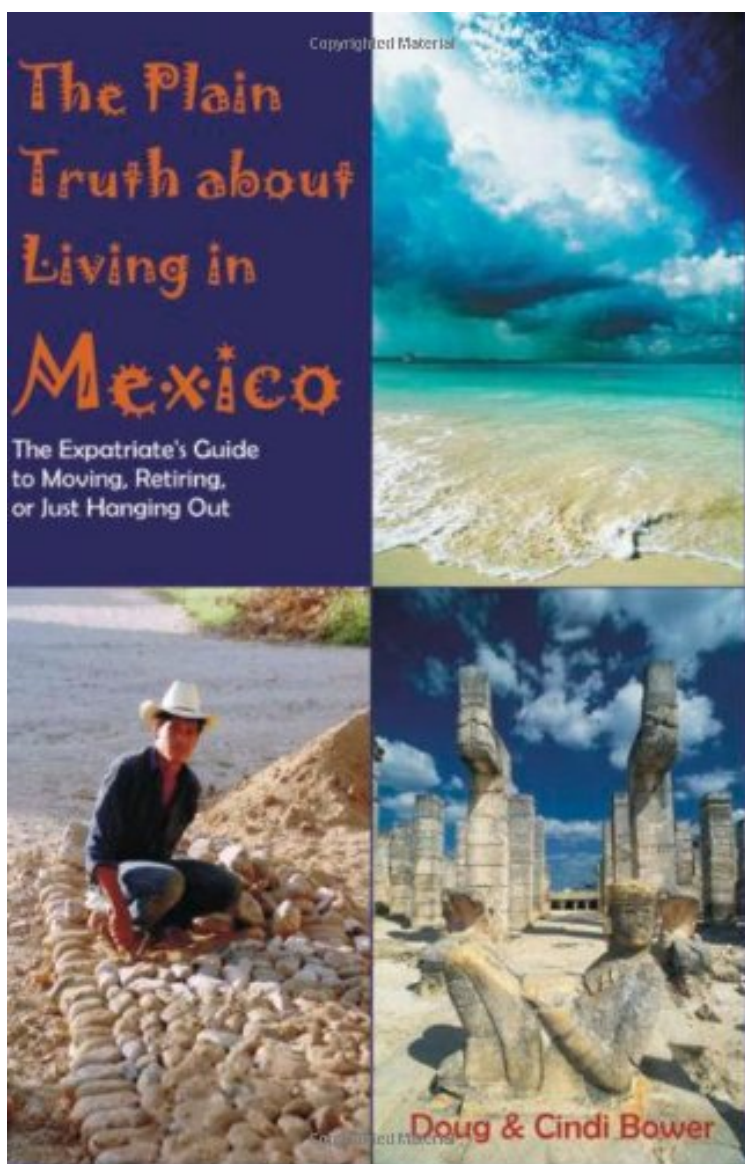


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Doug Bower, Cynthia M. Bower : The Plain Truth About Living in Mexico: The Expatriate's Guide to Moving, Retiring, or Just Hanging Out before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Plain Truth About Living in Mexico: The Expatriate's Guide to Moving, Retiring, or Just Hanging Out:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. It's Okay, but flawed
By LizI agree with many of the reviews and comments stating that extensive editing is needed. And the author needs to do a better job of graciously accepting this criticism--enough people have pointed this out. Much of the text is repetitive and I shouldn't have to be skimming past something because I don't want to read it for the third or fourth time. Even the author's amusing pieces, which are ample and funny, just don't stop in time. Also, some political and societal opinions I don't need to hear about--the ACLU? Not necessary and potentially offensive to some of us who support the ACLU and still can live in a foreign country. Americans as victims? Don't go there; the point of the book doesn't require it. I also had a vague feeling that if I perhaps didn't want to be bothered by feral dogs, then I am somehow too American and lacking in adaptive abilities. It is one thing to simply state that if barking dogs are a problem for the reader, then be forewarned. But I thought the authors were unable to provide this simple information without judgement. Fortunately, Bruce McCann's essay ameliorated this impact. I also liked that fact that Mr. McCann spoke up about the trash he saw left in public places, whereas I felt the Gowers' message was "get used to it, AND accept it." I learned when I lived in China that, indeed, the foreign guest will be much happier if they adapt to the culture, but that doesn't mean one has to accept everything or key things they find offensive. Maybe one can make a small difference by sometimes pointing out the trash left behind, or letting a neighbor know that barking dogs at midnight are offensive, while still adapting to most things. It's a balance that has to be assessed by the individual. Having said that, the book also contained a lot of information that I appreciate and that I will use.
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By Mr EdFound the book to be extremely informative and up-to-date. The subjects, questions and answers, though, perhaps not the rosy panacea that is typically painted, but one that laid out the facts. Sadly, there are some questions that are very specific that no one seems willing to cover, that are so relevant to a soon-to-be expat.
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By Marlene AndersonThis is a very simplistic treatise by a very opinionated author. I doubt that 95% of individuals who might contemplate becoming an expat would consider living the bare bones existence that the author claims to lead. He also has a very negative view of the U.S. and traditional American ideals.

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The book is well written, beautifully laid out and can serve as a great read, an invaluable reference book -- Shelter Offshore Investment Publishing 2004-2005
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