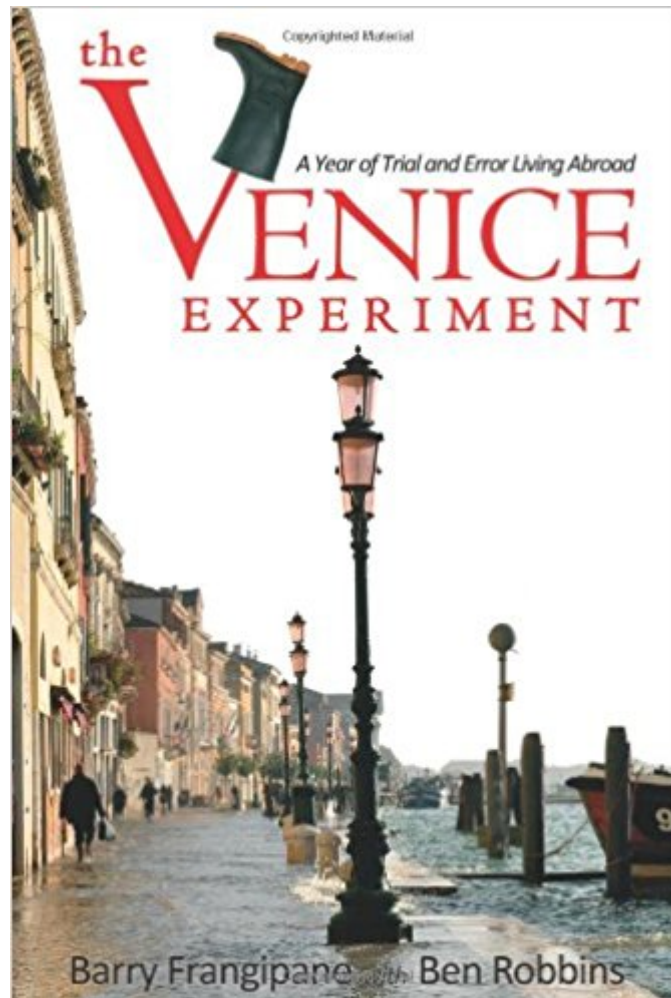




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The Venice Experiment: A Year Of Trial And Error Living Abroad



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"For anyone thinking of an overseas adventure, The Venice Experiment is a laugh out loud read and insightful journey through the risks and rewards of packing up and settling into a new culture." Kimberley Lovato, award winning author of Walnut Wine & Truffle Groves and former expat "Barry is a masterful storyteller." Sandra McKenna, Co-Host/Producer, MidLifeRoadTrip.TV "Barry reminds me of that friend we all have that can pick up and "run away" for a week, a weekend, or a month, and has the best time, and comes back with a million new friends, and six million amazing stories that make you want to come away with him on the next adventure." Jenny Gendel (Amateur Travel), via New York Daily News "Barry is a great story teller and his tales are both amusing and interesting... Anyone who likes Venice, wants to go there, has ever dreamed of living in Italy, or just enjoys entertaining armchair travel will probably enjoy this book." Martha Bakerjain - About.com

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This pleasant log of adventure and friendship is an enjoyable and informative read. It makes you eager to experiment yourself.

Having lived in Venice, I could completely relate to this book. Unlike some books that are mere travelogues, this one really gets into the heart of Venice and its people. It's well written, clearly with a lot of love, and is a fantastic book. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is thinking of living abroad, especially in Venice, or has lived there and wants to relive good and bad memories!

I have been to Venice and reading of Barry Frangipane's experiences, I wish I could go back. He describes the lifestyle, the little shops, the way the Venetians live, exactly the way it is. The book is humorous and entertaining. I envy Barry having this wonderful experience of living in Venice for a year. The book is not meant to be a travel guide, but documents his and his wife's experiences. The book is about their friendships and relationships with the Venetians. Thanks Barry Frangipane, I will be going back to Venice and I will definitely spend more time chatting to the locals and walking through the calle where most tourists do not go.

The author has written a book that has you dreaming of living in Italy, then wondering if the author is insane for doing so. The way of life, the small apartments, the flooding of Venice which in turn causes mold, cooking thanksgiving dinner in a house a few blocks away just to have an oven to use, the way the Italians think of time. I found myself laughing, and becoming irritated right along with the author's wife... with the author. As a frequent visitor to Italy, I've always dreamed of living a year in Rome. Now I wonder...could I do it. I highly recommend going on this year long adventure with the author "Guiseppe" and his wife. This in a non-fiction writer I would love to meet and could sit for hours listening to him recount other funny things that happened during their one year stay.

Bravo! Could not put the book down for a moment. Janet Simcic, Author, "The Man at the Caffè Farnese."

I read this book while in Venice on vacation and it was so fun to read about places and then visit them! Venice is the most magical of cities, and this book perfectly described the magic, along with the many quirks. Store hours should always be accompanied by an, "-ish" and a backup plan (usually involving gelato or espresso) will help you pass the time. Enjoyed this fun, quick read!

The author gives a great look at the personality and personalities of Venice beyond Piazza San Marco, the Doges Palace and the Accademia. If you have not been to Venice his book encourages you to go and if you have been most certainly to return.

A fun collection of anecdotes about the challenges of an extended visit to Italy. You explore the people, the politics, the culture, the food and more of modern day Venice. Barry includes the history and future possibilities in a serious and tongue-in-cheek fashion. You are occasionally reminded that telecommuting allows him to undertake this adventure and continue to work. Throughout the year Barry's wife Debbie hones her culinary skills and learns to navigate the markets of Venice. She discovers that a bit of creativity is required to fulfill her shopping list. If you've been to Venice this is a great look at "behind the scenes" living. A thoroughly enjoyable read.

If you've ever wanted to visit Venice reading this book will be like a virtual tour. I read the book before and after a trip to Venice. The author does a great job dissecting the feel and timbre of Venice. The book is so readable you will feel like you know Barry and Debbie and this is a letter written to entertain you. It is a fun ride!

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