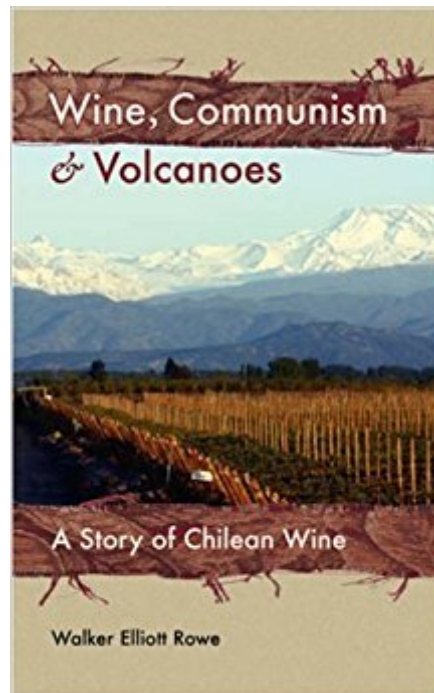




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Drive beyond the dusty provincial towns and the Chilean landscape is carpeted with 1.4 million acres of grapes that ripen perfectly in bright sunlight, warm days, and cool evenings. Labor, land, and grape prices are low, so Chilean wineries can make high quality wines at a fraction of the cost of those in California, Australia or Europe. Walker Elliott Rowe weaves a narrative of the Chilean people and culture, introducing the reader to many characters both inside and outside the wine business. The towering Andes Mountains are not the only item looming over the Chilean horizon-this progressive country, where the sentiment for socialism is strong, is still dealing with the ghosts of the former military dictator. Through his narrative, Rowe illustrates the irony of Chile's strong system of capitalism that leaves most people working long hours at low wages.

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Joanna Walsh has written and illustrated several books for children, including "The Biggest Kiss", "The Perfect Hug", and "I Love Mom", all illustrated by Judi Abbot.

Easy and fun reading, this book gives an insider look at the Chilean wine industry, and the people who make it work. It also provides an interesting look at the lifestyles and culture of Chileans living outside the great metropolis of Santiago. Not very analytical, nor pretending to draw any profound conclusions, the book is nonetheless a fun and interesting read. It would have benefitted from better editing.

This book is awesome if you're interested in Chilean wines and the unique soil they are grown on due to the Andes volcanic ash. It's a really good read for anyone, wine enthusiasts, geologists, historians, geographers and students. Highly recommended if you're interested in South America.

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