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Xenophobe's Guide To The Estonians



Synopsis

The roots of "Ootame, vaatame" "Let's wait and see," are embedded in the deepest chasm of the Estonian psyche because, for a very long time, the people had little choice to do anything else. This philosophy is a close relation to the Spanish *mañana* ("tomorrow"). The difference is that the languid Spanish are just deferring something. The pragmatic Estonians are not. They are waiting and seeing. A guide to understanding the Estonians which dispels or confirms preconceived prejudices with humor and insight.

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Xenophobe's Guide to the Estonians is a short but informative book that can easily be read in one sitting. It provides humorous insights into the Estonian character that I found to be fairly accurate based on my experiences. I think it would be helpful reading for anyone planning to visit Estonia or for anyone acquainted with Estonians. As with any group, there are always many exceptions to the

characterizations contained in the book, but on the whole the authors have captured the ethnic characteristics and present them in an enjoyable and very readable format.

We'll written and reasonably accurate book. Does deal in stereotypes, but there are always truths in those. Recommended for anyone wanting a general understanding of the Estonians .

Entertaining read, with some good insights into Estonians as a whole (though based on a limited sample), but I was looking for more breadth and depth.

Well it should be light, easy reading and fun. Didn't match those criteria. I am disappointed and Estonian. At least the facts are fine.

great little book.

Preparing to move to Estonia for 2 years and this gave me some great advice and insight into the culture.

Very good book, highly recommended even if only for the laugh. I wasn't expecting anything at first, but I got a good kick out of this one.

It looks amazing and new. I love it~, it's clean, no damage, and it arrived perfectly on time. The book is so informative and wonderful. I'm going to reread it over and over again!

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