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My Adventures As An Expat In Belgium



Synopsis

In 2008, the Fowler family embarked on an adventure that changed their lives forever when an overseas assignment took them to Belgium. What began as a blog to keep in touch with friends and family back in Minnesota, turned into much more. Learning to live in another country and adapting to another culture, opened their eyes to their own. This edited, abridged version of Natalie's blog takes readers through some of the unique challenges expats face when immersing themselves in a new culture, and celebrates the unusual victories that inevitably follow--like the pure joy of completing multiple school supply lists in a foreign language. From the birth of their third child to an alopecia diagnosis for their son, life didn't always care that they were expats. But the biggest challenge of all came when they learned they had to move and go back to a culture they'd left behind.

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Natalie Fowler is an author and freelance editor. Her fiction works are represented by Terrie Wolf, of AKA Literary, LLC. She is a staff editor and regular contributor to FATE Magazine. When Natalie's husband accepted an expat assignment in Belgium, Natalie accidentally became a blogger. What began as a way to keep in touch with friends and family back in Minnesota, became an extended record of the tribulations and triumphs of adapting to life in another culture. To this day, Natalie is still asked regularly what her life was like when she lived in Belgium. It's an experience that is difficult to put into words with a single answer. Until now. Recently, Natalie realized she'd spent six years putting her expat experience into words. Now she has the perfect answer to the question: What was it like to live in Belgium? By adapting and abridging her blog into a book, Natalie hopes to share some of the inevitable life lessons that come with leaving your own culture to embrace

another.

This collection of short stories provide great first-hand insight (and entertainment) into the adventures that await any family considering or planning for living abroad. The author delivers her experiences of raising three small children overseas in endearing and memorable blog entries. As a former expat, I wish I had Ms Fowler's book at my disposal prior to my own family's move abroad. Having written that, her stories stand alone as amusing observations on life in Belgium and the wonderful journey they experienced as foreigners living in a foreign land.

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