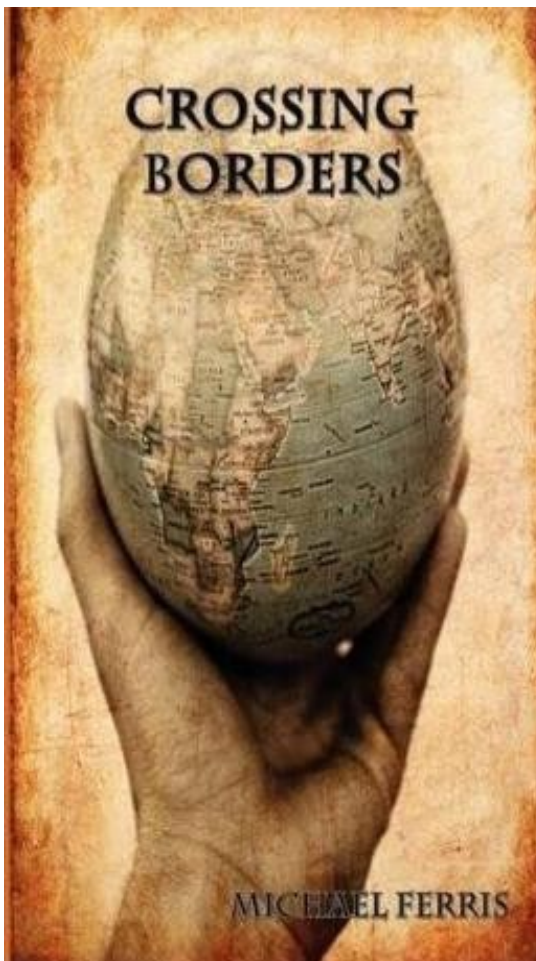


Crossing Borders



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Cultural misunderstandings, crazy and dangerous situations, inter-cultural friendships, love and disappointment and the excitement of exploring. "Crossing Borders" tells the story of living and becoming an adult in a foreign country away from friends and family. This narrative is not a simple travel log of pondering curiosities, it unites the weirdest, most interesting and funniest experiences from twelve years living abroad. The story starts out with the author's experiences of his first adventure in the heart of Europe-in German speaking Austria. Dreams of going to study at the Viennese Academy of Music go up in smoke when the protagonist fails the entrance exam. The protagonist not only ends up living in a mountain village in the Alps, but also discovers traits and virtues in his new Austrian friends that he never thought possible. From almost getting shot in Cairo, having his bride kidnapped on their wedding day, to

getting blackmailed by a Moroccan snake charmer, each chapter takes the reader on an extraordinary cultural trip, a book for anyone who likes to travel, whether in their mind or reality.

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Why was the book “Crossing Borders” written?:

After having a two-page article about his life published in Classical Guitar Magazine, working on the internet sites “*Great Composers and Their Lives*” and “*Ferrisguitar.com*” with great success, it was the author's desire to take his writing a bit further which led to his first book.

Reading the book *Crossing Borders* is to look at the world through the eyes of a young American experiencing a foreign country for the first time for the purpose of going to university. As the book progresses, the protagonist grows older. Each chapter is a glimpse into different intercultural challenges that are contemplated, dealt with and finally overcome. Those that read this book should be inspired by the author's imagination and his will to succeed. Making all of his wishes and desires a reality, and at the same time coping with inevitable failure, it is truly the story of a dream come true; several dreams come true.

The somewhat strange and humorous experiences make the narrator wiser / more mature and in turn, the narration and dialogues also become more in depth, full of background information on various intercultural subjects including foreign mentalities, food, as well as varying customs. *Crossing Borders* is also the story of looking at the world as an adult American living abroad, fluent in several languages and culturally knowledgeable. Yet more importantly, it portrays the journey through life in a distant country and becoming a man.

Crossing Borders by Michael Ferris would be great for anyone who has always wanted to see the world or for the avid traveler.

About the Author:

Michael Ferris, originally from St. Joseph, Michigan, started working in his father's music store, Ferris Music Center, at the age of sixteen and started playing the classical guitar at the age of seventeen. Having had many wonderful teachers, not only with great talent but also great souls, he moved on to study at the internationally acclaimed Mozarteum University for Music and Applied Arts in Salzburg, Austria (*-Die Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst Mozarteum) where he completed his M.A. in Guitar. Michael studied under well-known guitarists Maria Isabel Siewers de Pazur, Joaquin Clerch, Augustin Wiedemann, Ricardo Gallen, and the world-renowned player Eliot Fisk. In doing so, he has not only learned the instrument, but lived out his dreams.



Having the chance to gain an array of experience during his travels in Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East, he is now able to speak several languages fluently and works at an international company in Vienna. In addition to this, he still teaches guitar and holds courses in Business English at a local college on the weekends.

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