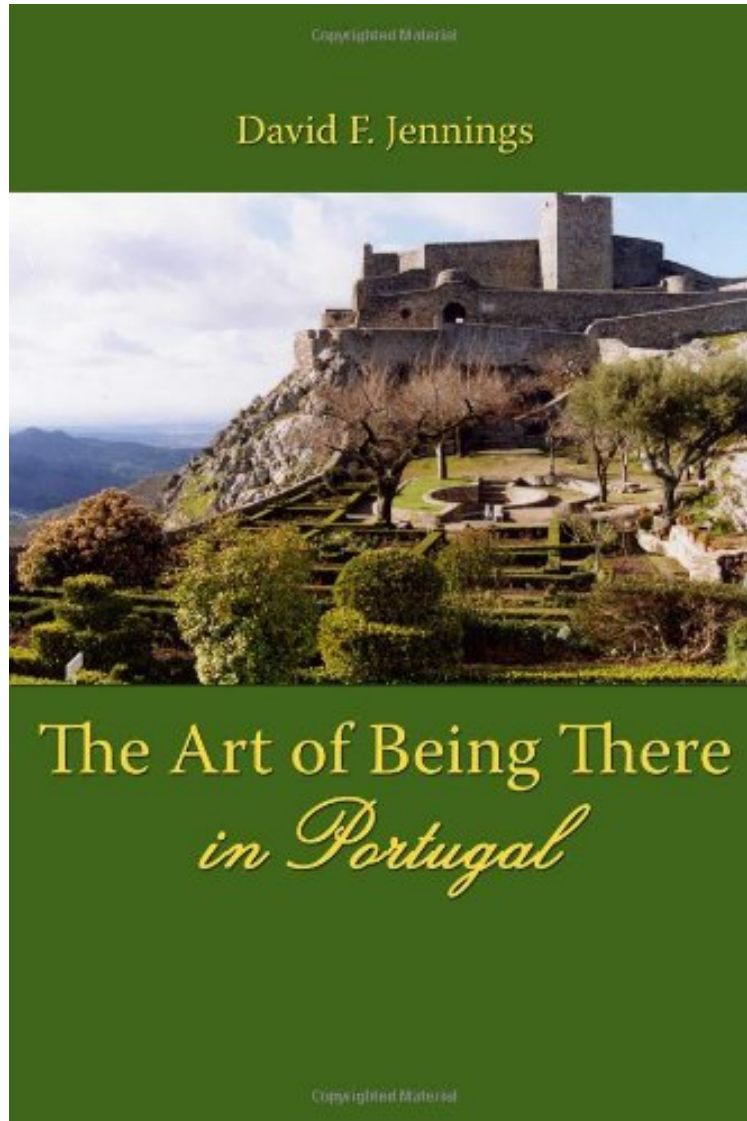


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Art of Being There in Portugal By micmin107 This is my review of The Art of Being There in Portugal by David F. Jennings. This book is published by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc. I wanted to read this book because of my own Portuguese heritage. I was hoping to gain some insight into the Portuguese culture. In the first part of the book, the author tries to give a little background into his personal interest in traveling, which he accomplishes. But I don't feel that it added more to the book. I must admit that I almost stopped

reading because this section seemed to bounce back and forth between subjects. It was a bit confusing to read, and honestly took longer to read this section than it did to read the rest of the book. I am very happy that I continued to read. The rest of the book was filled with personal experiences. The author was forthcoming in preparing the reader that these were memories being shared as if you were sitting with a dear friend. These recollections came as freely as comfortable conversations. This made the book a very personal diary of sorts. My favorite stories were of the experiences where something didn't quite go right. You could smile and say, 'I've been there'. I enjoyed the author's passion for travel. It came across very clearly. His title couldn't be more perfect. I find that I too share his passion for "being there" when you travel and not just a tourist. The book has some very helpful information for the person who has an interest in traveling to Portugal. I would rather have this book as a travel guide than one of those Travel Guide books because it was written by someone who truly enjoys traveling Portugal. Not by someone paid to write a review. [...] I received a complimentary copy of *The Art of Being There in Portugal* as a member of the Dorrance Publishing Book Review Team. Visit dorrancebookstore.com to learn how you can become a member of the Book Review Team.

Jennings' work is a travelogue from his personal perspective after many trips to Portugal with family and friends beginning in the nineties. Although he has traveled a considerable portion of the world (the Far East, Latin America, North America, and Europe), he has chosen to return to Portugal time and time again. While he provides a vast amount of detail on the "sights to see" in Portugal, he also entertains with many anecdotes concerning the beauty of the country and the kindness of its inhabitants. By sharing his love for this country and its people, he inspires the reader to add this lovely and friendly country to a shortlist of travel possibilities. Probably the best piece of advice Mr. Jennings passes along is to practice "being there," not just visiting. Clear the mind of all its clutter and take the time to focus on the wonder of the surroundings, enjoying every moment.

About the Author David Jennings has been to Portugal with family and friends over a period of twenty-five years, where he gathered information to put together his book. He is a self-employed Strategic Management Consultant. He currently lives in Weston, Connecticut, with his wife, Barbara. He has three sons, Thomas, David, and Bryan.