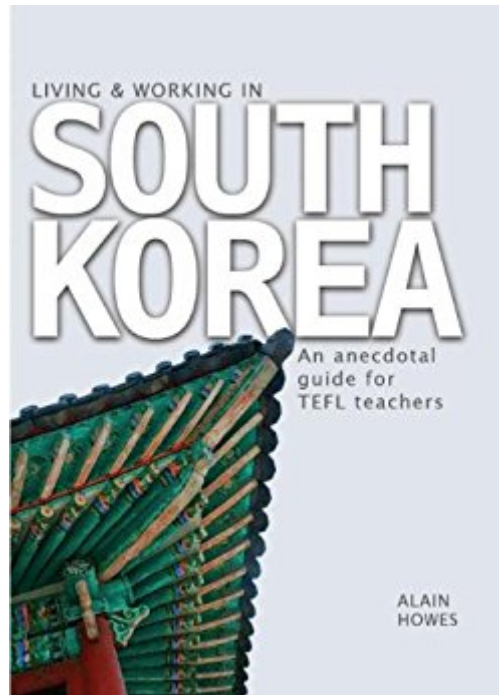




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Synopsis

An affectionally irreverent window into the cultural adjustments that await the unsuspecting 'western' university graduate who thinks a year or so teaching English in South Korea would be a novel way to travel, make some money and have a bit of an overseas adventure. Alain Howes packed all of his (South African) cultural baggage when he flew to South Korea at the age of 42. Jumping boots and all into village life in rural Korea he was alternatively puzzled, amused, amazed and at times even shocked but always impressed by the warmth, care and sincere friendship of his Korean students, colleagues and neighbours. A useful guide to anyone considering a gap year or just seeking an adventure in South Korea as a TEFL Teacher. This book gives the reader a sense of what awaits them. Packed with information and helpful hints on how and where to find TEFL jobs, the school environment, as well as the Korean culture and etiquette. It gives practical advice and tips, as well as ideas and suggestions on how to cope in your new environment. The author makes use of humorous anecdotes which help to convey to the reader the day to day working and social life of a TEFL Teacher in South Korea. The book also lists numerous websites which will allow the reader to do further research.

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Customer Reviews

Very detailed about his own experiences, and things one will most likely experience while in Korea. The author is quite witty at times, and contains some quite humorous stories. This is a very informational read as well for those preparing to go abroad to South Korea. I recommend this great read for anyone traveling to Korea, and especially those going to teach in Korea. The author contains great advice on how to face culture shock, how to socialize as an expat in Korea, as well as advice on banking, language study, hospitals and more.

This book has tons of information about teaching English in South Korea. It is cleverly blended with sections on the culture, customs, food, arrival, anything that you might be curious about if you are at all considering teaching there for a year. The author spent two years there and puts in short stories from experience about the culture, customs, food, etc. These short stories are hilarious. Did you know that farting in public is quite common over there? They need to release some of that pent up cabbage, apparently. He shares what it's like showering at a gymnasium, the way Koreans dry themselves off; what it's like going grocery shopping or searching for a specific product; traveling with the students on a field trip. You'll learn about the apartments, toilets, transportation, what the school you work for expects. It really is a great read and I found it to be extremely informative. Out of all the books out there this one deserves your attention. Salt

This book contains some amusing anecdotes and stories about teaching in Korea, however I don't think it's especially useful as a "guide" to being a TEFL teacher in Korea like the description might suggest. If you're interested in reading about the perspective of a slightly-older-than-average TEFL teacher in Korea this might be a good choice though.

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