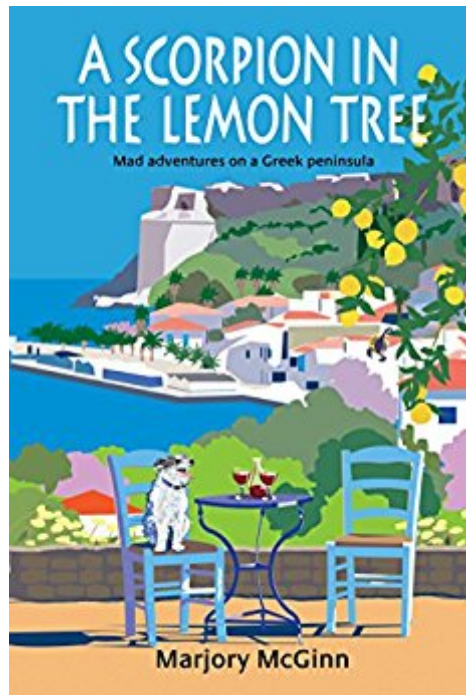


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A Scorpion In The Lemon Tree: Mad Adventures On A Greek Peninsula



Synopsis

Book 3 in the Peloponnese series Following on from the first two acclaimed travel memoirs (Things Can Only Get Feta and Homer's Where The Heart Is), Marjory, Jim and their crazy dog Wallace are on a second odyssey in the southern Peloponnese but this time they end up in a peninsula they didn't choose, and a house they never thought they'd live in. How did this happen? Easy, this is Greece and nothing ever goes to plan. The couple's latest adventure in Koroni, on the Messinian peninsula, takes them on another perilous and funny journey, with house rental dramas, scorpion threats, a publishing upheaval, and much more. But when they are finally seduced by the charm of unspoilt Koroni, make new friends, grapple with Greek lessons, and reconnect with some of the memorable characters of their Mani days, they discover once more why they continue to be in love with this resilient country, despite its ongoing economic crisis. And there's not even a sting in this tale. Well almost! REVIEWS: "This book is rare within the travel writing genre. It cleverly combines a travel narrative with enlightened observations about Greece, while retaining a light and entertaining touch throughout." • Peter Kerr, best-selling author of Snowball Oranges

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Customer Reviews

"A Scorpion in the Lemon Tree" is a worthy successor to Marjory McGinn's first two books describing one year each in the Mani section of the southern Peloponnese of Greece. This book describes a year's sojourn in Koroni, across the Messenian Gulf from the Mani. The cast of characters is of course different, but some of the previous characters do appear, such as Fotini, the charming Greek woman who was first seen riding her mule and last seen lending her mule to Marjory for a mad ride up and down the road. Although she meets many English ex-patriots in Koroni, some of whom recognize her as one of their favorite authors through her rather rare dog Wallace, a Jack Russell terrier, she also has many interactions with Greek people as well. A looming character in the background is the Greek financial crisis which is always showing its ugly face to the various people in the book including Marjory and her partner, Jim. They leave at the end of their year in Koroni partly because of this crisis. Their year on Koroni is full of good stories which Marjory tells in a very entertaining fashion. I enjoyed the book a great deal and look forward very much to her writings to come.

Another wonderful book by Margarita. I loved it. You feel like if you know all the characters in the book as well as she does, and if you love Greece as much as she does, you will really enjoy reading about all of her friends and experiencing all that she does in her year in Koroni. Of course, I loved her stories of Fotini once more, and also I would just love to meet and talk to Papa Theodoros, since I have always been intrigued with the orthodox church and its services over the many years that I have been visiting Greece. Congratulations Margarita. Keep on writing about your Greek experiences.

Absolutely loved this book and probably the best so far in the trilogy. The trials and tribulations of living in Greece with all the characters in the local area made great reading. I am half Greek but have only holidayed there so reading about her first hand experiences actually residing in this crazy country was very informative (in case I ever get the urge). If you like biographical stories this won't disappoint. I look forward to the next one.

Further enlightenment about Greece and frolicking fun fill the pages of this superb finale to Marjory McGinn's trilogy! I gobbled up the first "Feta" and was hungry for more adventures and her

reflections of life and times in the Mani. I felt the relaxation of being back home-sweet-home again when "Homer" touched my heart with the stories about the indomitable Greek spirit, still alive through these years of unrelenting austerity. When Scorpion was published, I snapped it up immediately - yet I couldn't help reading it more slowly to savor each new revelation - giggle with the myriad of intense surprises - and bask in the solemn occasions given respect. I didn't want to reach the ending! I wanted to prolong the experiences and the array of charismatic people met and their favored animals. Through her attention to details, inquisitive mind, wisdom, honesty and the ability to relate comic, tragic, and ultimately revealing experiences with her writing, a masterful description of Greek village life has been created. I will revisit these books. Brava Margarita!

The writing drew me in and I kept picking it up for just one more chapter. I enjoyed the blend of scenery, history, personalities and amusing anecdotes on the travails of learning Greek. I recommend these books to anyone traveling to Greece and wanting a sense of what life in the villages is like.

Thank you. Hurry up with a sequel i would like to be part of your world again ,.....even if it is not about Greece ,but i sincerely hope you will return to that magical place

McGinnis and her beau Jim provide the reader with well written excerpts of their time in outer Mani in the south of Peloponnese Greece. Wonderful scenery humorous and kind people including some traditions, crisis effects, Greek attitudes and personalities. So well written you are addicted to wanting to see and do for yourself. Gifted writing!

I really enjoyed Marjory's book as I did the last one, you feel you are living the life with them. I so admire how they really join in with the community and still keep in touch with old friends they have made on there travels. Hope they go back so we get another book.

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