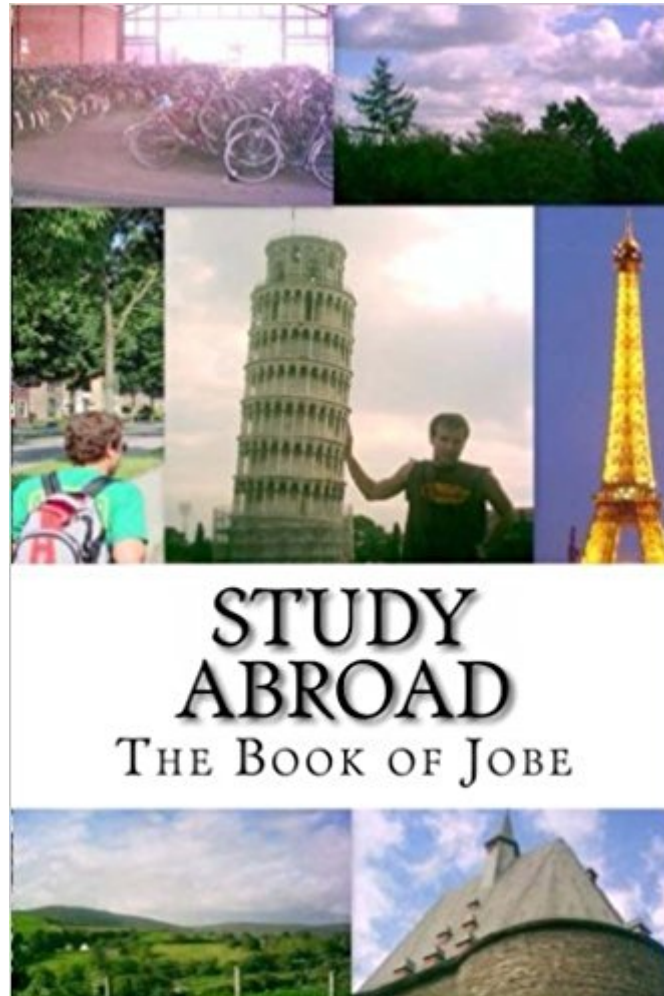




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Study Abroad: The Book Of Jobe



Synopsis

Through this coming-of-age true story, we get to see a glimpse of Jobe's life during his most challenging years, a point when he undergoes a lot of growing up and changes. His circumstances of living in a foreign country also causes him to have unique personal growth. We enter Jobe's life when he is a carefree college student. We leave it when he is a much more mature and thoughtful young man. In addition, this work includes a twist ending that is unimaginable. A 21-year-old American student has his entire existence turned upside down when he accepts an invitation to Study Abroad in the Netherlands. Instead of starting his senior year in the comfort zone, he must quickly adapt to the ways of Europe, or be left behind. Follow Jobe as he navigates his way through the unknown. Envision life through his words as he meets new friends and challenges during his journeys. Read along as he gradually transforms from a naive American to a seasoned traveler, student, and entrepreneur. Laugh, cry, and experience Europe through a first time student traveler's perspective. Study Abroad is a true, feel good story that is a must read for anyone who loves to travel, live, and learn. This journal is a very different kind of literature. It is an intimate portrait of my daily experiences not filtered through any kind of editorial process. The intention is not to tell all of my life's experiences, just those surrounding the time of each particular entry. All the same, autobiography, travel journal, and diary could be worthy descriptions of this piece. This work is a true story in its entirety. Each event, hardship, and comical moment was experienced and recorded at the time indicated. My purpose in publishing this writing is to locate the acquaintances from my travels and share this piece of literature with them. I am in constant search of all the characters in this book. If you recognize any of the people in the book as yourself or someone you may know I would love to hear from you.

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Customer Reviews

Somewhere along the line the critics labeled "Study Abroad: The Book of Jobe" entertaining and a "Must Read". Universities across the country have begun requiring all students who wish to apply for a study abroad program to pick up this book. Although I do not think my work should be the only resource, I do know the anxiety and feelings that capture us before traveling overseas. I do understand the nervousness and the thrills of traversing a land where 1 out of every 1,000,000 people speak your language. When is the last day that you did not say a single word? I effectively capture this feeling in each page of my book as the world took place around me using a different set of vocabulary, customs, and social norms. I studied business in school, and I am not a writer or an English major. If you are expecting a book that has been revised and red lined by your stuffy purple haired 11th grade English teacher, then move on. My book "Study Abroad: The Book of Jobe" is unedited and full of raw emotions. What my writing does contain is a propensity for the brutal honesties of life on the road, and making the reader stress and strain with every difficult moment. Then each follower is offered ten times more opportunities to laugh and smile with each redeeming humorous moment. I can guarantee this book will strike a chord with the trekker inside each of us. Those who have not explored will find themselves glued to the pages wishing they had. Readers who have journeyed the world will draw similarities with my heartfelt words and thoughts. I have received calls and e-mails from readers of all experience levels speaking of the inspiration they have found from within, and wanting to be along side me on my next excursion. So what are you waiting for? Pick up a copy of "Study Abroad: The Book of Jobe." Then e-mail me at JobeLeonard@gmail.com with questions about the book, and invite me along for your next expedition. My passport is ready. I currently live in Dandridge, Tennessee where I am a lumberjack with Hearthstone Homes. I spend the daylight hours living off the land making maple syrup, handmade rocking chairs, and log homes. On a weekend you might find me running, surfing, unicorn farming, picking the banjo, and biking. I also serve as the current CEO of rapidly the expanding Internet startup company LakeFun.com

If you are thinking about studying abroad, or are just interested in a light read.....BUY THIS BOOK. I found myself so engaged in this book that I could hardly put it down. It shows you that although some things may not go as planned during your study abroad trip, it is a risk worth taking.

This is a diary written by an American student completing his undergraduate degree in the Netherlands. It is detailed, written in an informal, chatty style, easy to read, funny as the Dickens and very informative. The primary focus is the social life and how a student lives and gets around in Europe which can be very different compared to the US. Travel, for example, is very different! There seem to be no cars in Europe; or, "car" is spelled "walk", "bike", "train", "bus", etc. This book will be an invaluable, and entertaining, aid to anyone, especially students, planning a stay in Europe. Jobe's experience with the educational system is not covered in any detail. Dare we hope for another book.?

I recently got my book in the mail and decided to read a few pages before going to bed...As soon as I opened it and started reading I was already laughing out loud, as I did through most of the book. I found myself reading over half the book and didn't even realize it was 1 a.m. Maybe I felt like I needed to keep up with Jobe as I was reading of all his activities and late nights, but I could not put it down. I enjoyed reading of all the places visited in such a short amount of time. I've traveled a bit as well, but nothing to the extent of this book and it was very impressive to me all the ground that was covered. Definitely a great read for those looking to do programs abroad and just travel in general. I know I would not have been able to navigate my way around like he did, especially in a foreign place for the first time...Cheers to you Jobe!

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I really enjoyed this one. Many heartfelt stories we can all relate to. I honestly laughed out loud countless times at some of the situations the author got himself into. I would highly recommend this for anyone thinking of doing a study abroad or more importantly anyone that would like a good laugh and a good read.

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