

Lawrence Osborne

Books

Lawrence Osborne has written for The New York Times Magazine, The New Yorker and other publications, and is the author of six books, his latest being BANGKOK DAYS. Born in England, he lives in New York City.



Publications

Other

Publication Details	Notes
BANGKOK DAYS 978-1846552984 harvill secker 2 july 09	<p>Tourists come to Bangkok for many reasons - a sex change operation, a night with two prostitutes dressed as nuns, a stay in a luxury hotel. When Lawrence Osborne visits Bangkok, he finds that he can live there on a few dollars a day and decides to stay.</p> <p>Osborne's is a visceral experience of Bangkok, whether he's wandering the canals that fill the old city; dining at the No Hands Restaurant, where his waitress feeds him like a baby; or launching his own notably unsuccessful career as a gigolo. A guide without inhibitions, Osborne takes us to a feverish place where a strange blend of ancient Buddhist practice and new sexual mores has created a version of modernity only superficially indebted to the West. BANGKOK DAYS is a love letter to the city that revived Osborne's faith in adventure and in the world.</p> <p>"[Osborne] grabs the bull by the horns ... Through the most surreal environments (the fabricated islands of Dubai, the medical resorts of Thailand) he is fully, intelligently, insightful and honest." Max Watman, The New York Times Book Review</p> <p>"A biting, highly amusing ... inquiry into travel and its discontents." William Grimes, The New York Times</p>

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the naked tourist 978-0865477094 north point press 30 may 06	A seasoned travel writer, weary of the homogenization of tourist attraction, sets out to find the last untouched spot, where he can get naked. Heading to Papua by way of the Middle East and Asia, Osborne takes his time in each locale “drinking too much, getting pampered on the cheap, and constantly fighting a paranoid "neocolonial dread." This book is devoted to the psyche of the traveler. It explores why we wander, what we learn, and how traveling to the ends of the earth can be less terrifying than arriving at the end of wonderment.
The accidental connoisseur 1978-0865476332 north point press march 04	A wine expert takes readers on a tour of the farmers, vineyards, technology, journalism, consumer trends, and trade wars that make the wine business what it is today, introducing the obsessives and eccentrics who populate the industry.