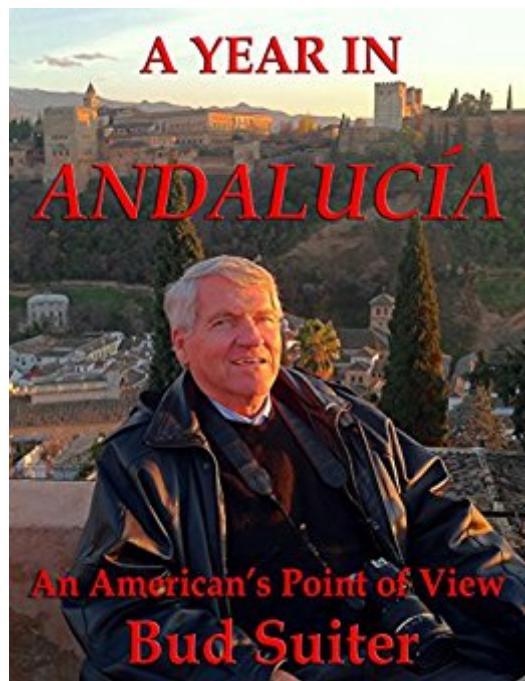


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# A Year In Andalucía: An American's Point Of View



## Synopsis

An onsite adventure from MojÃ¡car, AlmerÃ‐a, Spain â€“ on the Mediterranean Sea â€“ brings up to date and fresh insights into what AndalucÃ‐a is today and how it got that way: history, culture, fiesta, music, food, drink, bull fighting, cathedrals, H-bombs, movie making, photography and a brand new and original â€œTale of the Alhambraâ™ which portrays how the lions arrived at the Patio of the Lions in the Alhambra, Granada. Top picks for the four best AndalucÃ‐an cities are ranked and defended. In the year and a half that my wife and I live in AndalucÃ‐a, I discover how my understanding of AndalucÃ‐a has changed from my teenage years in Puerto Rico to today, encountering many surprises along the way. Highlights:â€¢ On-site visit to where the U.S. dropped four H-bombs on Spain in 1966â€¢ Ringside seat at what experts called the best bullfight ever; reasons bullfighting should be bannedâ€¢ Marching as a Bandolero in the Moors and Christians fiesta in MojÃ¡car and curbside experiences of many other fiestas such as Las Fallas in Valenciaâ€¢ The Spanish guitar â€“ the best in the world, and origin of flamenco and links to the best Spanish music and musiciansâ€¢ Tours of two of the greatest cathedrals in AndalucÃ‐a: CÃ‐rdoba, built inside the Great Mosque, and Sevillaâ€¢ The story of paella, the Arabic tradersâ™ influence on the ingredients, tapas, fish delicacies, flan and other uniquely Spanish foods and dessertsâ€¢ How Spain became the number one producer of wine in Europe in 2013 and the stories of Sherry, Alhambra beer, Hierbas IbÃ‐ricasâ€¢ Influences of the Phoenicians, Tartessians, Greeks, Romans, Moors and Catholics on modern AndalucÃ‐aâ€¢ Religion and the Spanish Inquisition: burning at the stake! Why Spanish is spoken around the New World, not Italianâ€¢ And much more, including over 200 new photographs and 35 links in 552 packed pages of the inside story today about Spain and AndalucÃ‐a

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No American planning to visit Spain in general or Andalucia in particular should leave home without their 'Suiter'; an indispensible guide to the Country and its people. Written in an easy style and packed with information, Bud has captured the spirit of the country and its relationship with the world often getting up close and personal, betraying an emotional memory of his early years in Puerto Rico.

This was an excellent book. I enjoyed the mix of history, as well as Bud's personal perspective and experience during his time in Spain. I also had the honor to meet Bud, and he took the time to sit down with me and personally share his experiences in Spain. I am excited to spend a summer in Spain living with my family and thank Bud for this book and his passion for Spain.

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