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Nick and Lesley Albert yearn to leave the noise, stress and pollution of modern Britain and move to the countryside, where the living is good, the air sweet, with space for their dogs to run free. Suddenly out of work and soon to be homeless, they set off in search of a new life in Ireland, a country they had never visited. As their adventure began to unfold, not everything went according to plan. If finding their dream house was difficult, buying it seemed almost impossible. How would they cope with banks that didn't want customers, builders who didn't need work, or the complex issue of where to buy some chickens?

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E.J. Bauer says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I loved the author's ability to gently roll the reader through his story of moving from England to Ireland. I could see so much of his new farm and the surrounding countryside through his descriptions and fell in love with his little corner of Ireland. If you like stories of brave souls making a new start and all the animals, quirky neighbours and learning curves that entails then treat yourself to this delightful memoir.

Judy says

I read a lot of books about people moving to other countries to change their lives. This one, which tells of an English couple moving to Ireland, I think is one of the better written ones. It clearly lays out the motive of moving to another country to simplify your life. It also admits some of the concerns such as having to leave your family behind, and shows some of the pitfalls of buying property in another country. But mainly, this memoir is just funny! The author has a self-deprecating humor which had me chortling and reading it out loud to my husband. If you have any interest in changing your life in this way, or just want to know more about living in Ireland, you might want to take a look at this one.

Susan says

Nick and Lesley like most of us wish they could leave the hustle and bustle life of town and working and live in the country. But, as usual, making a living and raising a family gets in the way. The day comes when the job is gone and they need to sell their house or be homeless. They go to Ireland a few times looking for a place but everything is more expensive and heavens forbid—not move in ready—in the country (not in their price range). The day comes when they find a place, finally sell their house in Britain and off they go. You would think that it would be easy to get things set up and completed in a country that you speak the language—think again. In the country things can still be working in 1950 time and heavens forbid try to get the best renovator and he is either too busy or just not interested. And--what about the man that drives down their road with the dog running behind the car--should they report him for animal cruelty? The book gives you a lot of information but finally gets moving and is funny and interesting as their life becomes stable (hmmmm). Visits from family help but what happens when the cash is running out? Well, read the book and find out. I highly recommend this book.

Laurie says

Loved this memoir of travels and a move to Ireland

Nick and Lesley are fed up with the fast paced life in the UK and set out looking for other countries to make a new life in. They decide on Ireland and set out to make it their new home and soon find out the quirkiness of the Irish way, which both frustrates and pushes them harder to make it all happen. Nick Alberts' writing is humorous and easy flowing. A thoroughly enjoyable and informative read for anyone wanting to visit, move or just armchair travel.

John Cane says

Not as good as I hoped

The family's experience was no doubt life-changing and life-affirming but the writing style was a real barrier for me. So much superfluous detail that by the end of the book I was unconcerned about the family's fate.

Julie Haigh says

An absolute pleasure to read from start to finish!

'Fresh Eggs and Dog Beds' is a delightful book about Nick and wife Lesley's move to rural Ireland. It contains many of my favourite 'book ingredients': Animals, uprooting and moving on to pastures new, doing up property, with sprinkles of humour too. An excellent read not to be missed. A charming memoir.

From the fresh, inviting, colourful cover, to the excellent, polished writing, this book was a definite winner for me. It was very easy to read; he seems a very likeable fellow and it was a lovely book.

With fast-moving dialogue, it was so easy to read and get involved in their story. I was able to just whizz through, it was delightful. I loved it, and I loved his humour, it doesn't seem overdone or like he's trying too hard to be funny-it's just natural, fun and a darned good read! A simply splendid book!

Jilly says

I really enjoyed this book. It is a real life story about a middle aged couple who decided to quit the rat race and move to Ireland a country they have never even visited before. They eventually purchase a very delapidated cottage which will take many years to turn into the home of their dreams.

It is a laugh out loud book in many places and I loved the anecdotes about the dogs and the chickens.

I think this kind of book always appeals to me as one of my pipe dreams is to move to Majorca and live happily ever after in the sun. We will never do it though as we couldn't bare to leave everyone behind. So instead I read about braver souls who have followed their dreams.

sharon gima says

Great go to bed book.

Loved the descriptive writing of both places and action. The author is especially adept at painting comedic pictures of everyday situations and making them seem as though every second of the happening was real.

Everything was believable and I didn't hesitate for a second to click on receiving the next book.

Rebecca says

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I was lucky enough to have been a Beta reader for this memoir and what a great memoir it is!.

Following a warning from his doctor to change his stressful lifestyle or risk his health Nick is forced to reassess his life and future plans. He and his wife Lesley come to a decision. Nick accepts his redundancy and Lesley proposes moving to Ireland to start a new life.

Plans are made to travel to Ireland specifically County Clare. Of course nothing is straightforward and some of their exploits had me laughing out loud. I don't know how they suffered that B & B staying with Mrs Menopause. I would have hot footed it to a comfortable and warm hotel!

From forgetful Estate Agents, reluctant Solicitors and unhelpful Bank assistant Nick and his long suffering wife endured them all! However, actually buying Glenmadrie and moving in is only the start of their adventures. From the colourful cover to the last word I really enjoyed this book. What an enterprising and delightful couple they are. I loved Nick's sense of humour and his obvious love of Ireland, his new home. I do hope this is the start of a series of books as I'm keen to know what happens next! Highly Recommended.

Leanne Hunt says

An easy-to-read, entertaining and evocative account of a middle-aged couple's decision to reinvent themselves as country folk in County Clare, Ireland. The story is told from the perspective of British city-dwellers, which means there is lots of opportunity for self-deprecating humour. Beginning with the first stirrings of discontent in the midst of the rat race, it tracks the protagonist's growing enthusiasm for change and his willingness to attempt never-before-tackled challenges like scaling a quarry wall, unblocking stuck pipes and living far away from family.

I enjoyed the escapist aspect of this memoir, imagining my husband and myself striking out on a similar adventure. There is something magical about rural Ireland and it calls to the senses like no other country. While i didn't learn a whole lot about gardening or raising chickens as I had hoped, I certainly found this book to be satisfying and will definitely look out for the sequel.

Bethmac59 says

This memoir is very well written. You can see yourself as the husband and wife having a health scare, wanting to move where it would be quiet and peaceful. Loved getting to know Clare County in Ireland.

Pat Ellis says

I beta read this super memoir - I absolutely loved it. Delightfully written - a real journey with the author and his wife on their move to Ireland. Funny & heart-warming.

Lisa Overman says

A Humorous and Entertaining Journey

Having faced my own job stress life decisions, I enjoyed following this couple's journey to a new country. Having lived as an expat I found their experiences and descriptions both amusing and enjoyable to read. I look forward to reading part two.

Beth Haslam says

A potentially life-threatening health scare causes the author to resign from his job and relocate with his wife to Ireland. And what a change this proves to be.

Nick, and his wife, Lesley, decide to buy a property in a rural part of the country. Sounds simple enough, but it proves to be much easier said than done.

The reader is treated to rich accounts of the properties they visit, misadventures along the way and delightful anecdotes about their dogs. Particular highlights for me are the author's descriptions of the various parts of Ireland they visit, and people they meet. His images conjure up pictures of a stunningly beautiful land filled with charming, often crazily eccentric, people. No wonder they quickly fall in love with it.

I found the book to be very well written, extremely appealing, and great fun. Nick has a terrific sense of humour, which comes through his writing in bucket loads. I have no hesitation in rating it as a 5* read, and look forward to the sequel.

Lindsay Feliz says

I read a lot of memoirs, and Fresh Eggs and Dog Beds by Nick Albert is probably the best one I have ever read.

Nick, and his wife Lesley are in a situation I am sure many will identify with, living in the stress filled, fast paced England, like hamsters running round a round in a wheel. They decide to move to Ireland and the book covers their journey to find the perfect house and then to begin their new life.

The writing is lovely and the characterization is excellent, not only of the people but even the dogs and the chickens come to life with their own personalities. There is humour throughout, making the book impossible to read without smiling.

The book flows beautifully and as well as being a great story, it is also full of interesting information about Ireland so as well as a fun and interesting read it is also educational.

I really enjoyed this book, and would love to meet Nick's wife, Lesley as I am sure we would get on well! Now I can't wait for the sequel so hurry up and get writing Nick.
