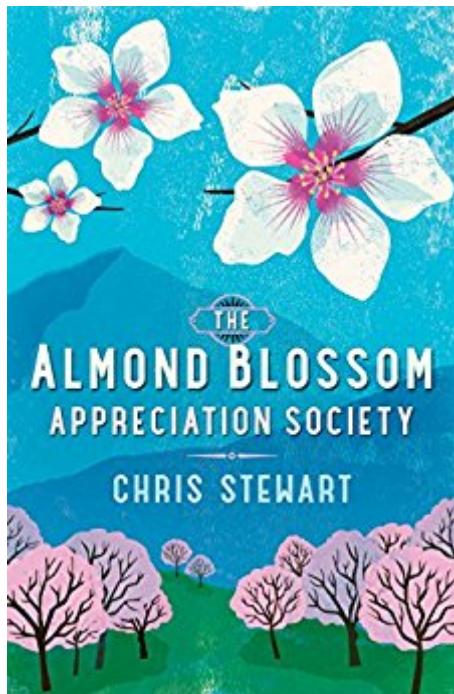


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The Almond Blossom Appreciation Society: From The Author Of Driving Over Lemons (Lemons Trilogy)



Synopsis

THE ALMOND BLOSSOM APPRECIATION SOCIETY finds Chris and his family still living on their farm, El Valero, and with its easy 'Sun-Lit' charm and funny, evocative anecdotes, it will draw in new and old readers alike. You will find yourself laughing out loud as Chris is instructed by his daughter on local teenage mores; bluffs his way in art history to millionaire Bostonians; is rescued off a snowy peak by the Guardia Civil; and joins an Almond Blossom Appreciation Society. You'll cringe with Chris as he tries his hand at office work in an immigrants' advice centre in Granada, spurred into action by the arrival of four destitute young Moroccans at El Valero. And you'll never see olive oil in quite the same way again... In this sequel to 'Lemons' and 'Parrot', Chris Stewart's optimism and zest for life is as infectious as ever. Chris Stewart prepared for life on a mountain farm in Spain with jobs of doubtful relevance. After leaving Genesis (he drummed on the first album), he joined a circus, learnt how to shear sheep, crewed a yacht in Greece, went to China for the Rough Guides, gained a pilot's license in Los Angeles, and completed a course in French cooking. Despite the extraordinary success of his books, Chris, Ana and their daughter Chloe continue to live on their farm, with their numerous dogs, cats, chickens, sheep and misanthropic parrot.

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Customer Reviews

If you have read any of the other books by Chris Stewart, this one is just as good. He has a very witty and descriptive style. My husband and I have both spent time in Spain and we love reading about this British ex-pat's adventures living in Spain. If you're looking for some entertaining non fiction, this could be for you.

Good read like the other two, here this one is a little more reflective and shows a more established Chris and growing up. Therefere a different perspective on his life in Spain. A stage of life perspectibe. A good read and well written.

I started with his 1st book "Three ways to capsize a boat". I haven't been able to stop -- He is hilarious and he has a very unique way of describing people and events. I think his books can be read in any order but to get the true feel for the story of his life it really helps to read them in sequence. You wont be disappointed.

Having had a break of a couple of years between the first two books it was great to go back to El Valero for a visit and especially to read about the experience in Tunisia. Thank you for continuing to expand my cultural understanding of other peoples and the use of my native English language. You are a veritable Stephen Fry. Your story telling brings with it the urgent message of personal eco responsibility wrapped in delightful humour. Trust you survive the economic downturn in Spain with self-sufficiency.

After reading the other two books by Chris Stewart I was looking forward to this book. It was like going back to visit friends. Just more of his adventures in very rural Spain. Probably best read after the other two. Only fault it didn't seem long enough, didn't want to finish it.

I don't know why it took me so long to get round to reading the Almond Blossom Appreciation Society - in my view, this is the best book in the series. As a writer who lives a scant hour away from Chris Stewart's place in Las Alpujarras, I love the way he describes the society in which we live. His stories are very true to life and are so well-written it is easy to become lost in these beautiful

mountains until you've somehow read the whole book in one go. I loved it and would recommend it to anyone who has an interest in upping sticks and relocating in this area.

Have read previous 2 books in the series and really enjoyed them all. This one might be the best. Many adventures and laughing out loud moments. I like the way this guy doesn't take himself too seriously and laughs at himself, although on a couple occasions he seemed to be getting a tad grumpy as he got older. Oh well, me too!

Really enjoyed this book. Being a lover of Spain I was motivated to read the first book 'Driving Over Lemons' and then to continue with Stewart's second and third in the series. Loved his writing style and entertaining way with words. Captivated with his characters and their shared enjoyment of a way of life that is both enriching and challenging. Disappointed there wasn't another book in the series.

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