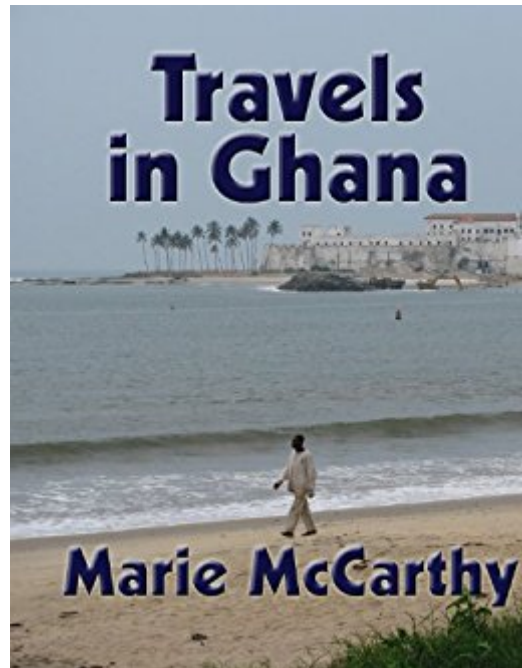




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Synopsis

This travelogue was written by a former Peace Corps Volunteer who lived in Togo for two years. Eleven years later, a visit to friends in Accra in September 2009 included a road trip from one end of Ghana to another. From the capital city of Accra to the traditional painted village of Sirigu in the far north, the people, the adventures and the sights are described, as well as tourist facilities for those interested in traveling in Ghana. There are insights and explanations of Ghanaian customs, culture, cuisine and daily life. Among the places visited are the slave castle at Elmina, the stilt village of Nzulezu, Mole National Park, Sirigu village, an unexpected find at Bolgatanga, the monkey sanctuary at Boabeng-Fiema, and the kente weaving village of Adanwomase. Also illustrated are the making of a variety of local products and crafts with photos by the author.

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Customer Reviews

"Travels in Ghana" doesn't read like a travelogue as much as a day-to-day diary of someone's passing impressions of Ghana as they quickly made their way through it. There is no overall message or goal here, just a picture of a trip. And that would all be good and great if the narrative wasn't littered with unnecessary criticisms of people's driving habits, hotel room beds, and ATM

machines that don't work. The book would have been at least twice as good if all that had been left out. All that being said, it is still an entertaining book written by a former Peace Corps volunteer from Togo. I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ghana (and currently still live in Ghana) and I found some of the impressions to be ill-informed at best. That being said, the story is sufficient for illustrating the country to someone who has never been there or will never go there. There is definitely an observer-observed problem that makes you feel like the author created quite a wall around herself during the trip. There are very few moments where she strays from her comfort zone. Her sense of being "shocked" that her driver wouldn't wear his seat belt would be humorous to anyone who has ever spent time in Ghana. As there are few books on traveling in Ghana, it is a welcome addition.

Told from the point of view of a traveler in a fairly simple way. I'm not sure I would agree with her viewpoints entirely, I did however enjoy reading and got some good information on Ghana with good photos to match. If you want a serious travel guide, I would suggest Bradt's, but for what it is, basically a journal of someone's travels in Ghana, it is quite enjoyable with some interesting insights on the country.

I liked her observations and attitudes and am planning a trip to visit my Peace Corps Volunteer son. Being a woman in the same age group as her and with similar textile interests, it was a good read. It was great to hear the driver's suggestions for her on tipping and service and such, since I won't have a driver, but will have my "local" son with us. And we will be doing things he has not had a chance to do while in Ghana.

Quite well written. I'm sure there are many more interesting sites that could be reviewed in this small, but vast, cultural country! It's people are amazing given their poverty and will to exist!

I have lived in other African countries and recently moved to Ghana where I expect to be for two years. I read McCarthie's book as an introduction and found it useful. It is an especially good book for those making their first trip to Ghana. It does not replace a more in depth travel book; the author recommends one, but this is a good first hand account of day-to-day life traveling around.

About to travel to Ghana so found this book had some interesting and relevant information to base my travels on. It was an easy read and all relevant for the first time traveller to Ghana. Would recommend it to those who haven't been to Ghana and interested in finding out about the culture

and interests as a tourist.

We are twice yearly missionary visitors to Ghana West Africa. Travels in Ghana recreates the sights, sounds and flavors we've experienced. Marie McCarthy also does a marvelous job of accurately describing Ghana's wonderful, warm people. The book will make you want to experience Ghana for yourself.

My friend wrote this book. Felt like I got to travel with her.

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