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Happier Than A Billionaire: Quitting My Job, Moving To Costa Rica, And Living The Zero Hour Work Week



Synopsis

TWO PLANE TICKETS, NO PLAN, ONE DREAM A celebration of one couple's decision to risk it all and live in one of the happiest places on earth. In this humorous and witty account, Nadine Pisani shares what it is like to follow her dream of quitting her job and starting a new life under the sunny skies of Costa Rica. Along the way, she finds reliable utilities are not that reliable, quirky neighbors are unavoidable, and tackling red tape takes the strength of a linebacker. But with all its challenges, you'll learn why Costa Rica is ranked as one of the happiest places on earth--and you too may want to taste the Pura Vida lifestyle.

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As Profiled on CNN.com "One point Nadine learns from her experience is that we are all allowed to choose how we ingest what life deals us and I thank her for reminding me. And her humor! If she ever wants to look for a second occupation, she might want to consider 'stand-up comic'"

~ ~ ~ ~ Tony Ortez, Howler Magazine "They knew there was more to life than simply earning money to spend it on material things." ~ ~ Natalie Sisson, ~ ~ SuitcaseEntrepreneur.com "Reading this book is worth many, many laughs and is a welcome break from typical every-day life in the US." ~ ~ Heather Hill, ~ ~ ~ ~ heather-leigh-hill.blogspot.com

Nadine Hays Pisani is the host of the popular blog www.happierthanabillionaire.com. She lives in Costa Rica with her husband and the occasional iguana that sneaks into the house. She enjoys traveling, writing, and prefers to have a commute that ends with sipping a pina colada on a tropical

beach.

While in Costa Rica this past week scouting places to spend my winters in retirement eight years down the road a friend of mine messaged me on Facebook about Nadine's book. Well, since my wife and I had down time and night and she had a book to read I decided to download Happier Than a Billionaire.... My wife wasn't too happy at first because as I was reading I would start laughing which caused her to put her book down and ask me what was so funny. I would then re-read her the section I had just read and would get her laughing. She would then go back to her book and after a few times of stopping and starting she finally put her book down and took out a Sudoku puzzle book as I went from silently reading to reading the book aloud. For someone who has been researching a move as a "snowbird" for the winters the past few years Nadine's book gives a real life account of the joys and frustrations of adapting to life in a new country. Nadine and her husband, Rob, left their careers and all the fast paced life of the United States behind in their 30's and moved to Costa Rica. What follows is an adventure worthy of a movie sequel to Date Night with Tina Fey and Steve Carrel. Nadine shares the practical aspects of living in a foreign country and shares some of the many aspects that are required in the transition. I would highly recommend to anyone who has thoughts of doing the same. Along with your other serious information here is a great companion piece to help keep things in perspective.

I have never laughed so hard when reading a book! Nadine has a sense of humor like I do! I could see myself in her shoes while reading this book. I am so glad I have been at home while reading her books because I would have not been able to ready this book while in public because of my outbursts of laughter! I am currently reading her 2nd book right now and I am trying hard not read it so fast because I don't want it to end..... Thank you Nadine for making me laugh, I will definately recommend it to all my friends. Just so you know, I found this book by seeing her Facebook pictures & posts on a friend Facebook page. We recently vacationed in Lahina (Maui), Hawaii and would love to retire in a few years to an island or at least a year around warm climate, we are tired of the midwest weather, however, I am not brave enough to move to another country that speaks a different language! I admire your strength and humor! I hope you are planning on writing another book soon!

There are very few books in existence that simply describe what it's like to be an ex-pat in Costa Rica, (trust me, I've scoured the book stores and interwebs.) I am so thankful Nadine decided to

write about her and Rob's experiences there. Y'all, this is not a how-to book on moving to Costa Rica, (if you want a great "how-to", check out her latest book, The Escape Manual... it's worth its weight in gold my friends!!) In this book, Nadine comically describes some of the frustrations of living in CR, (like dealing with Central American government bureaucracy, trying to get appliances repaired, random power outages, etc.) But she also lovingly describes all the wonderful aspects about living there. The biggest thing I took away from the book was how CR transformed her heart and inspired her to re-examine what's really important in her life, despite the "inconveniences". A lot of us can relate - many people experience a complete transformation during their time in Costa Rica. It's a slower-paced, magical country that Nadine does such a good job describing. This is going to sound sappy, but truly, Nadine's writings have soothed my Costa-Rica-lovin'-soul, and this book made me feel a little less heartbroken that I can't be there all the time, (yet!) She made me smile, she made me laugh out loud. Nadine did an awesome job verbally painting a picture of each scene and setting. I felt like I was right there with them, in the farmer's market, at the DMV, bouncing around on pot-hole roads, and (my favorite) watching the sunset. Like I mentioned above, I recently read her third book, The Escape Manual, and I highly highly recommend it to anyone, from those seriously plotting out their big move, to those who are just curious about the logistics. I'm currently in the middle of her second book, The Sequel. I'm afraid I'm going to sink into a deep depression after I finish this one - I'm going to miss running around CR with Nadine and Rob. If you're like me and crave anything and everything Costa Rica related, be sure to "like" her facebook page, (search for Happier Than a Billionaire). She posts tons of pictures and tidbits about the country to her page, daily. Keep writing sister! Can't wait to read what you write next!

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