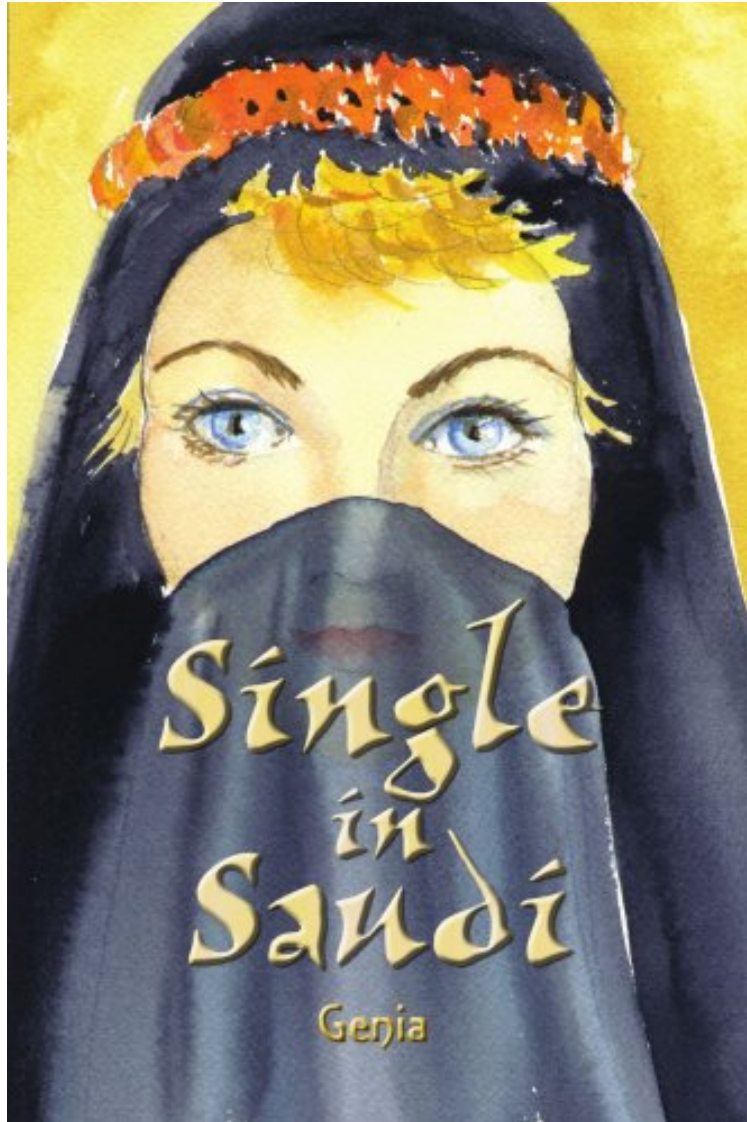


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Genia : Single in Saudi before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Single in Saudi:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining if nothing elseBy AnonymousMy feelings toward this book are really ambivalent. On the one hand, it is entertaining to read, on the other hand, the author is very unlikeable. You get a glimpse of this in the prologue where she coyly says that only she knows whether or not she really had all those sexual encounters. She admits that she added a lot of sex to spice up the book. If your memoir is so dull that you

need to add fictional sex to make it interesting, should you even be writing one? I hoped for an inside look of life in Saudi Arabia and all I got was a glimpse at a hedonistic, self-indulgent, insecure woman who proclaims feminism while allowing many, many men to use her body and treat her like a sex object. Sure she gave as good as she got by using them for free food and jewelry and airline tickets, but is it any wonder that men in other societies consider American women to be whores who can be bought. She judges the character Johnnie for things that she herself is guilty of. It's really hard not to judge her for her actions, especially when she herself is so judgmental and condescending towards others. I felt that instead of trying to understand and appreciate Saudi culture, she looked down on it and felt like she was better than them. It is entertaining, as someone else put it, like a Jackie Collins novel. Don't expect any epiphanies or revelations.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I loved this book, went on this trip without having to go!! Fabulous

By janie in baton rouge

REVIEW of Jan Stowes Book

SINGLE IN SAUDI, by nom de plume Genia

I just finished reading your fascinating book. Wow, what a good job! I thought it was a very well organized and although, not the main narrative, the historical facts were so well blended that it made the book educational as well as a great story. After reading *Single in Saudi*, I took the trip with you, felt the history, saw the sights in addition to having all the delicious experiences too! I am so glad you took the time to keep notes on your trip so that I got to vicariously experience through you this phenomenal adventure and learn about this unique and kind and cruel culture as though I was there. I so agree with you about the too well organized trips that you had to Bali and Thailand in and out of busses is an intolerable way to experience a country; however, seeing the world on your own terms and then picking Saudi Arabia and the remote village of Kamis Mushayt wow, now that's daring and courageous choice of location for your own terms experience! I am laughing when you said in New York when you were overdoing it with your lover

Quote from the book

For all I know, I would have no sex for the next two years since I was headed to the land of four Ds -...no driving, dating, drinking and no dope. Little did you know at that time! LOL

Cant believe you were allowed the bottle of Scotch on the plane. Oh, the good ole days! So interesting the plight of the woman of that country from the Obayas; to the poor English woman you encountered in the country who had been put out by her husband; the accepted infidelity of the men; the terror the woman must have lived with who could by her husband saying I divorce you three times be ousted; worst of all, the brutal and unsanitary clitoris removals with its accompanying infections, camel dung, really?? I am glad you found the woman who opened the bank with all her jewelry! YOU GO JEWELRY GIRL she could be an honorary member of TISFA!

Just mentioned above, were my stand out shocking and hard realities in the book of how the woman of Saudi were treated. The additional information about their common everyday realities you also included and effortlessly wove seamlessly throughout the novel. Good job and great reading. For anyone that needs to understand this culture, your book is a must READ. I was astonished with your trip to Africa and the murder right in the middle of your camp. Oh my Gosh, Jan..that's all I can say about that except I am glad you made it home alive!

The Blue Grotto, your contraband chances, your accommodations at Kamis Mushayt and its water problems, your homemade wine jerry cans brewing needs, the massive bottles of wet label liquor you found when you were scuba diving the lecherous men on every corner, the anti fornication guards, so unique and interesting!

The endless countries you visited: Italy, Vienna, Africa, Austria, Finland, Germany, France, and more and more and more etc. and for me the stand out was your explanation of your visit to the Egyptian pyramids. I so loved your description of a place that I long to go to so much. I had no idea that you could look down through the narrow little vortex of light that is visible from the top of the pyramid to the bottom. How could they do that with that massive structure? I loved that you smuggled your marijuana in seeds in a pepper grinder; how Mohammed and Ali hid your shoes; that God put you where your extraordinary skills were needed for the burn victims and their fortune that you were there where your great ability and courage to care for them was needed so badly. I loved it when you hid under your Obaya for your forbidden meetings and; I loved your nutmeg experiences lol and all the wonderful and not so wonderful men you met along the way - Flavio and his father, Al, Aziz, Stefan, Sir John Menage A Trois Hullbert. The Arab man that for a kiss on the cheek bought you \$4,000 of so many beautiful things and, of course, unforgettable Prince of Lechery Mohammad and lets not forget Ole Jim! And all the other great gentlemen and lovers you met along the way too numerous for me to mention. lol I loved how sweet Albert was to you in London but certainly didn't like the reason that you were there. My gosh, Jan, you survived the tubal pregnancy and then if that was not enough your second loss, my heart goes out to you. The book is beyond wonderful Jan, I am so glad you wrote it. My final note and praise to you Jan was the letter you wrote to all your friends explaining what they might be encountering in your strange behavior upon your returning. After reading your book, I felt every word of the explanation of what your, slow journey back to normal, you anticipated would look like to your friends as you re-acclimated to the states!! That was so clever, hilarious and inspired prose!

Single in Saudi a must read!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Sorry, it IS accurate for the '70's

By B. R. Vania

I had to laugh at some of the previous reviews that found it sounded more fictional than factual. Or inaccurate or even disrespectful of the culture. I too was in the Kingdom during this time in history. Is the book a total and comprehensive view of the nation at that time? Of course not. It wasn't intended to be. It was a very accurate portrayal of some single women at some points in the history of foreigners in the workforce. Read this book ESPECIALLY if you never saw this side of living there. It DID exist. Back in the 70's there were flight attendants (especially blondes) that were paid \$300 plus jewelry ONLY to

go to dinner with some Saudi men. I applaud the author's bravery and honesty.

Bored at work and nursing a broken heart, a thirty something R.N. leaves her prestigious job at a Houston medical center to work at a military hospital in Saudi Arabia in 1978. She arrives in a land struggling to catch up to the Western world while retaining its strict Muslim morality - at least in public. "Genia," a bold, single, blue-eyed blonde, discovers that sex and drugs are very much in demand inside the high-walled compounds of the Western-educated Saudi elite. During two years in The Kingdom, Genia manages to break every rule short of theft and murder while befriending Arabs of all social standing, including her grateful patients. A hot-shot Saudi Air Force pilot and a top Saudi official become her lovers, and she parties with princes and princesses at their opulent homes and Bedouin camps. But she also dons the veil and long, black obaya in order to move freely among the ordinary Saudis who welcome her into their homes. With plenty of overtime pay and vacation time, Genia travels to more than twenty five countries while based in Saudi Arabia. She describes these travels, along with her relationships, nursing work, and unleashed feminism in this extraordinary memoir of a time when America wasn't a dirty word in the Arab world.

About the Author "Genia," a full-time Registered Nurse, has worked in supervisory positions at some of the most prestigious hospitals in Texas and her home state of Michigan. Her leisure and job-related travels have taken her throughout the United States, to thirty-five other countries, and to every continent except Australia and Antarctica. She also enjoys reading, gardening and e-mailing friends around the world. This is her first book.