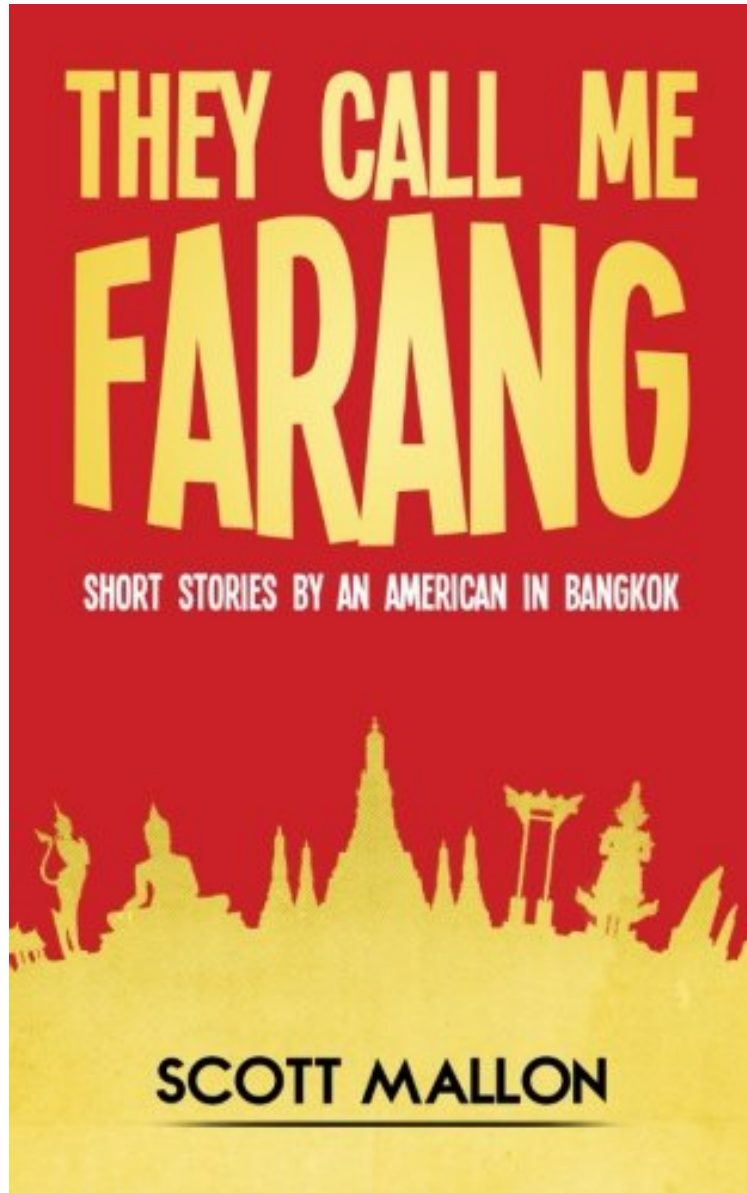


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Essential Street-Smarts for Romatics Visiting Thailand -- Warning:

Some Coarse Language, Violence and Nudity. By D.C. Burt I've been reading "They Call Me Farang" in bits and episodes on the public transit and before I crash out. I have finally closed the back cover of this book now, and I would like to say that I thoroughly enjoyed it -- It is a quick read because it is a page-turner. It must have been a tough job editing everything down into the select events, personal soul searching and advice to the well intended naive. I look forward to a possible sequel with more entertaining true stories such as "The Texan" and "One Last Fight" and "When You Gotta Go, Go". I think I can safely assume that Scott Mallon has a lot of great stories to tell that weren't included in this work, including stories that others have perhaps related to him. This book of short stories / memoirs focusses on an inner journey loaded with humour, philosophical insight and advice for the guys. I have personally travelled extensively throughout Thailand and I can attest that Scott Mallon isn't making any of this up. The book's audience is the guys, but I think that open minded women might enjoy reading this as well. I have heard girl talk and it can get pretty scary; so this is guy talk at its nastiest, funniest and most heartfelt. Oh yes, the bar maidens are lovely, flattering and often enjoyable story tellers, and even fine teachers of the culture. Thailand is a wonderful place filled with everything from awesome vistas to lovely people. However, there is a dark underbelly filled with danger and intrigue. There is a sad history that lead to the sex trade that I would like to see Scott Mallon touch upon in his upcoming literary offerings. I hope he will address some stories from the bar maid and sex trade worker's point of view; but this book is what it is, and "They Call Me Farang" is a solid warning. As one Thai lady friend said to me, "You new farangs think you know everything, but you know nothing." Mallon has put in the years, done the learning curve, and he understands the Thai culture, the language, the ways of the street, the "good bad and ugly". He has the greatest respect for this country, the people and the culture . . . but he warns us over and over . . . Well, I don't want to be a spoiler; so I suggest that before you venture into this magical place, read this collection of short stories, enjoy and take heed. The quotes at the beginning of each chapter are well researched and make perfect introductions to each episode. I especially like the quote, "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years" [Abraham Lincoln]. There is also an abundance of original Scott Mallon quotables throughout the chapters. Do read the works of historians, great classic writers, study the maps, learn the survival phrases and so on; but if you are planning on hitting the street running, despite a couple of minor publisher typos, "They Call Me Farang" is, in my sincere opinion, essential reading. Bravo. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. the guys is not real "politically or socially correct" but despite all that I like what he had to say about life in general ...By F. Edwards Lets face it, the guys is not real "politically or socially correct" but despite all that I like what he had to say about life in general and living as a foreigner in Thailand particularly. I've been to Thailand once with my wife and although I was only there for a couple of weeks, I would have liked to have read this book before going. Good common sense stuff about doing business, getting along with people who are different than you, prostitutes, respect for the culture and how to get out of a taxi. I was kind of touched by a story he tells about an older Texan who ends up with a young Thai woman. The knee jerk reaction is that older guys just come to Thailand for the sex but this little story I thought showed that Scott has a much more in depth appreciation of peoples reasons for being involved with that sort of relationship. Thailand is the venue for Scotts observations but anyone and I mean anyone who goes to a foreign country for any length of time needs to give this book a read. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good Read By Mike1473 Read this book, watch his you tube series and then go to thailand and make your own memories. If youve ever spent any time in thailand or south east asia then this will hit home and you'll find yourself longing to go back.

Weary from running his printing business in Southern California, Scott Mallon hops on a jet bound for Thailand with three bags and \$10,000 to his name. Originally planned as a one year sabbatical, his journey ends up as a twenty year stay. In *They Call Me Farang*, Mallon delivers a timeless collection of insightful, compelling short stories in the only way he knows, with dry humor and a straightforward, no holds barred voice. Learn what life is really like as an expatriate in Thailand; there is action, advice, comedy, love and of course, plenty of commentary on Thailand's beautiful women. Get all the gritty details in this semi-autobiographical account of his two decades in the country.

About the Author Scott Mallon is perhaps best known for his YouTube channel, *An American in Bangkok*. As an expat living in Thailand since November 1995, he has also worked as a boxing and travel photojournalist for numerous publications, including HBO Sports, the Bangkok Post, The Ring, Boxing Digest, Boxing News, the P. Gazette and Macleans Magazine.