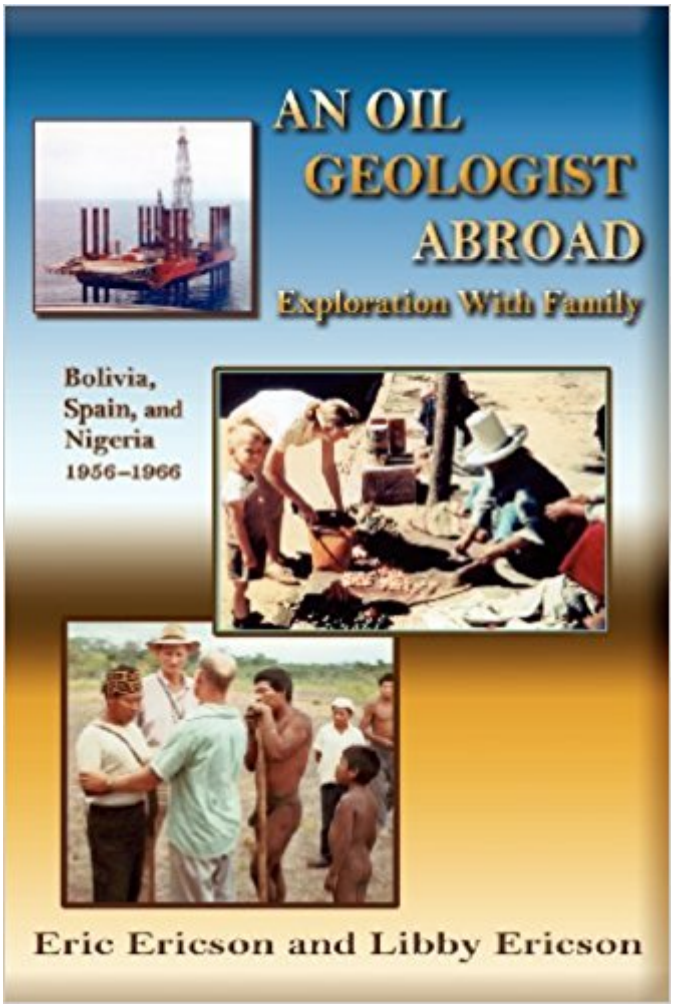
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This compilation of stories was written alternatively and chronologically by a couple who lived on three continents in the decade between 1956 and 1966. Eric Ericson writes of his search for oil in the jungles of Bolivia during communist agitation, the Basque mountains of northern Spain under the dictatorship of Generalissimo Franco, and Nigeria at the dawn of Nigerian Independence and prior to the Biafran War. Gulf Oil's Okan I was the first off-shore discovery in Nigeria and produced one billion barrels of oil by the year 2000. Libby Ericson tells of raising their two sons, and giving birth to their third, in difficult and challenging places and situations, and of the generosity and kindness always found in these very different cultures.

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Eric Ericson retired from Gulf Oil in 1981, began his own consulting business in Boulder, Colorado, and continues his keen interest in the oil and gas industry. They moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1995 where Libby Ericson pursues her love of art. They spend their summers in the Colorado Rockies near where they met at the University of Colorado.

I bought the book because I worked with the author when he was in Nigeria and i also knew many of the people that were mentioned in Bolivia and Spain. The book's viewpoint, from both the working husband and the wife, is interesting. As I spent 21 years working in various countries in South America and Africa, I found their description of life the countries good for the 60s, but badly out of date now. The book is definitely not good as a guide for someone heading for those countries.

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