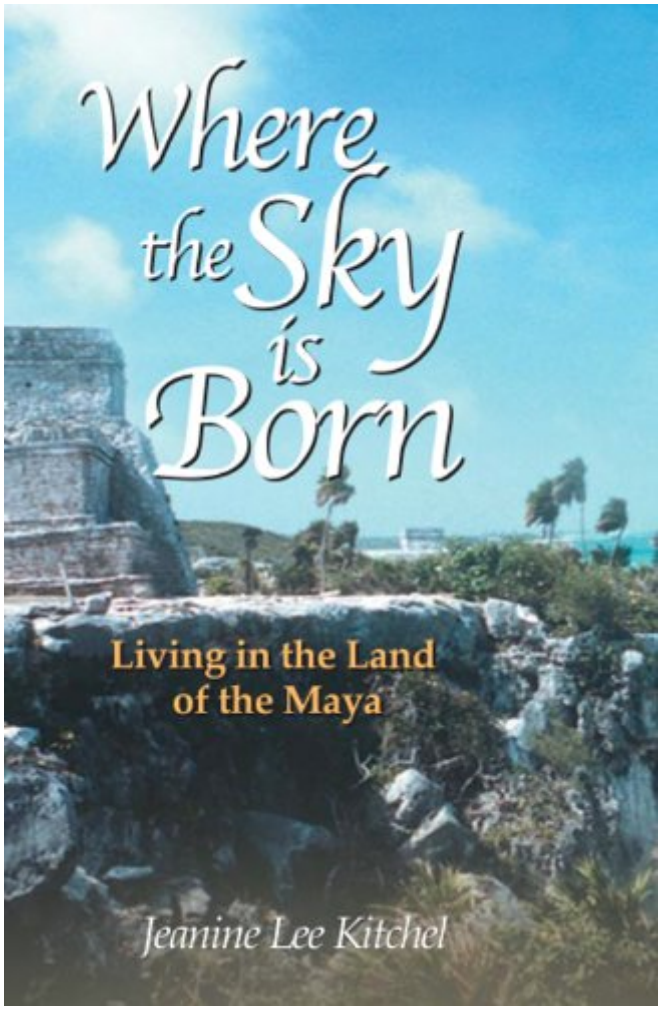
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Synopsis

Imagine running away to the Mexican Caribbean and never coming back. That dream became reality for author Jeanine Kitchel and her husband who traveled to the Yucatan in 1985 and a decade later, left their Silicon Valley jobs to pursue a relaxed lifestyle in Puerto Morelos, a small fishing village on the Quintana Roo coast south of Cancun. Chance links them with a contractor who offers to build them a beachfront house--and this is where the true story begins--including the Mexican government's seizure of their land by eminent domain, the contractor's financial crisis, and a category-5 hurricane. After sidestepping disaster on several fronts, they build their home, settle into Mexico, and then travel deep into theheart of the Yucatan to explore the Mayan ruins. Share their dreams, their heartaches, but most of all, see how they cope withbuying land, building a house, and retiring in a foreign country. This evocative adventure tale is a cockeyed love letter to Mexico, their adopted homeland.

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An interesting and intriguing read, following Jeanine and her husband's attempt to buy a property in

the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico. How they finally manage to realize their dream of retiring to Mexico after years of trying is an enjoyable story, interspersed with historical facts and tourist information.

Very interesting book telling how it is to live in Rivera Maya. Lots of good info on things an expat needs to do. Funny, uplifting.. I read another book about moving to this area and it didn't turn out so well for the couple. this author and her husband seemed to accept the differences of the adopted country and go with the flow instead of expecting everything to be like the USA. I liked a lot of the history that was given about the area and referenced books to read if you wanted to know more. Very enjoyable. Wish the author had more books.

One of the first books I read about living in Mexico. I highly recommend it. There are so many books about living in San Miguel and on the Pacific Coast, so few about the other areas of this beautiful country. Mexico will always be my second home. And this book will remain on my shelf even after the end of that adventure. Very well written and a delight to read. Do yourself a favor. Make some tea, snuggle up in a comfy chair, and escape for a while with this fine book.

I want to let others know how much I enjoyed this book.When I began reading, I was immediatly transported back to the Yucatan, to many of the places we had just visited; Coba, Puerto Morelos, Valledolid, Ek Balam, Chichen Itza (of course), and Merida. Jeanine's candid narrative hit home with me and my impressions of the people and the places she wrote about. To me, Yucatan is vastly different (and much more comfortable) than other parts of Mexico that I've visited - and her book paralleled and reinforced my experience while adding the depth of her experience. She colorfully described the perils and pleasures of building a house in the Yucatan - which encourages me to think more about retiring there. We must also share an appreciation of wonderful Yucatecan food, although I would have enjoyed longer descriptions. Jeanine clearly writes from the heart. A good read by an interesting lady who, with her husband, dreamed, planned, then lived the adventure. Perhaps, in a future edition, Jeanine will write a sequel. I certainly hope so.

This was a very iteresting book about the building of the author's dream home in Mexico's Mayan Yucatan Peninsula. Having bern in Playa del Carmen and Cozumel, I could conbect. It is amazing how different that area has changed in such a short time. Lot's of history included too.

Wanted another opinion of moving to Mexico,Specially of interest to those who wants to move to Mexico.For those who have moved to the Yucatan nice to find out about the book store in Puerto Morelos.

Great story although it is real about a true expat couple and their Casa Maya!A great read especially if one is interested in Mexico

I lived in this town. From this perspective I found the book interesting, dotted with truisms about ex-pats in Mexico and locals whom I know personally. Could be a learning lesson for those with limited overseas' living experience who think they want to buy property in a foreign land. The writing is sophomoric which is what prevents the book from being a must read. It's not bad writing, it just lacks something. If I weren't motivated by personal reasons, I don't know that I would have finished it.

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