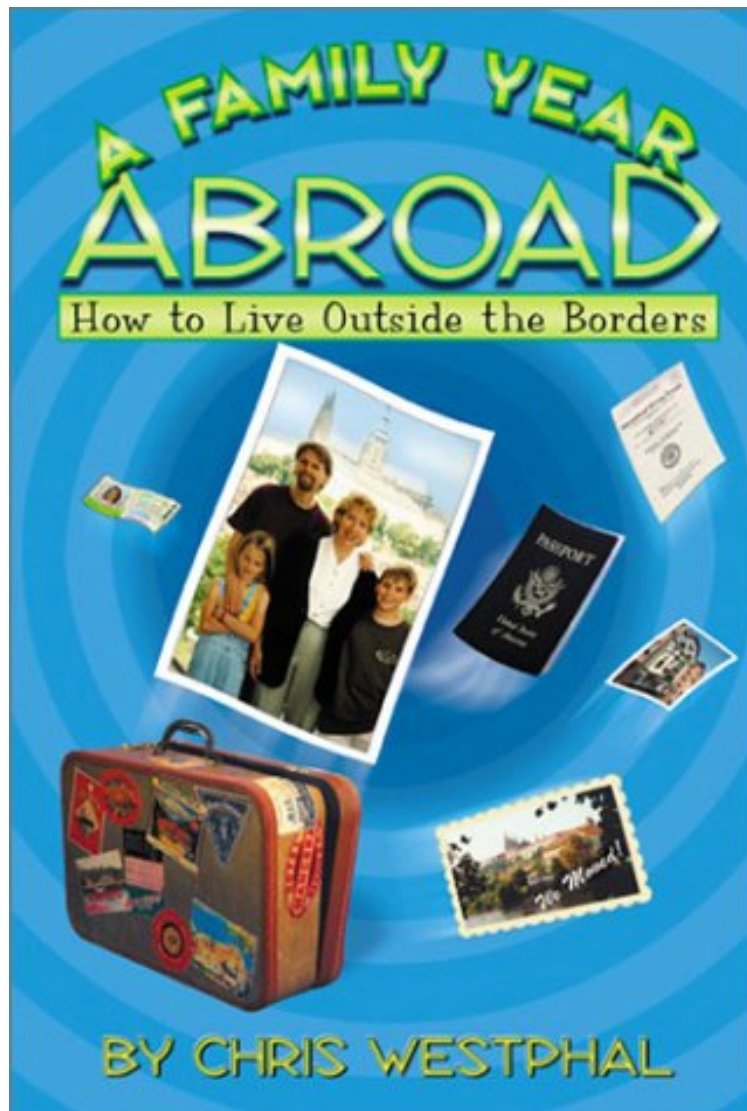


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9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Experience, Wisdom, and HumorBy David A. ShapiroIn *_A Family Year Abroad_*, Chris Westphal invites us into his experience with a dream many of us have had--living abroad in an exotic foreign country--but which most of us never get around to making real. He weaves together practical tips with a delightful narrative of his own adventures and misadventures as an expatriate family in Prague. Combining detailed, practical tips with insightful personal observations, Chris succeeds in bringing us along on an amazing trip into

unknown--an unknown that, with Chris' help, is made known to us vicariously. Reading *_A Family Year Abroad_* I really came to feel what it must have been like to "live outside the borders" for Chris and his family. And while not ALL of his adventures--a night at the "opera" that featured a midget pushing a wheelbarrow across a darkened stage, for instance--made me hunger for the expatriate experience, I certainly felt that they prepared me for taking my own family abroad should we be so bold as to try it. All in all, a great read: exciting, funny, helpful, practical, poignant, and witty. It's Rick Steve's *_Europe Through the Back Door_* meets S.J. Perelman's *_Eastward Ha!_* with a bit of Theroux's *_Mosquito Coast_* thrown in for fun. Loved it!

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A lively, involving book
By Midwest Book Review
A Family Year Abroad: How To Live Outside The Borders is the story of the Westphal family. Chris and Stephanie Westphal wanted to travel, but since they had responsibilities to their children, the only way they could do so was to travel with the whole family. They rented their house, put their bank accounts in safekeeping, and moved to Prague, Czech Republic for a year. *A Family Year Abroad* is their story, packed with wisdom, experience, tips, and much more on such things as culture shock, foreign schools, traveling with kids and health and safety concerns. A lively, involving book, *A Family Year Abroad* is much more than just a family memoir, it also offers practical tips on how to successfully live in a foreign country and deal with changes in the family, health and safety concerns, insurance questions, the management of finances, foreign schools, and the inescapable phenomena of culture shock.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Engaging Story and Practical Guide
By Gina Young
If you are thinking of living abroad with your children, there are two compelling reasons to read this book. First, the author shares his and his family's real-life experiences, both good and bad. He reminds us that life anywhere is just that -- life, complete with victories and accomplishments, as well as mistakes and disappointments. His entertaining story of their year in Prague helped replace some of my romantic notions with visions of reality. I now feel more prepared to face the challenges of life abroad if and when we decide to "live outside the borders." The other reason to buy this book is its wealth of resources and practical tips. Although the organization was at times scattered, the appendices help to make up for this.

Have you ever dreamed of living abroad? And taking your family with you? Chris and Stephanie Westphal wanted to travel, but their responsibilities with jobs and kids kept them at home. Finally, they decided to go anyway. They rented their house, put bank accounts on hold, and moved the whole family to Prague, Czech Republic, for an entire year. Funny, insightful, and inspiring, this book tells how that year abroad changed their outlook on life, and also explains how others thinking of making a change can do it, too.

TIPS ON:

- * Picking a country and convincing the kids
- * What to bring and how to pack
- * Health and safety concerns
- * Finding a job and a place to live
- * Staying connected with home
- * Managing finances
- * Distance learning programs
- * Foreign schools
- * Culture shock--both abroad and back home
- * Traveling with children
- * Customs and shipping
- * Student and house exchange programs
- * Plus a step-by-step timeline to help you plan, get organized, and do it right!

"...Chris Westphal covers everything you need to know about moving to, living in, and returning home from another land." -- Jerry Camarillo Dunn, Jr., travel writer/editor for the National Geographic Society

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"Anyone considering a move abroad will find practical tips in this book." -- Anne Chalfant, Contra Costa Times, October 21, 2001

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"The book is a great resource and a nice addition to the available travel genre." -- Joan B. Peterson, Director Travel Publishers Association

About the Author
Chris Westphal is the author of one novel, *Echo Valley*, and has worked as a writer in journalism, network television, and public relations. He lives in Southern California with his wife, Stephanie, and their two children, Drew and Kelsey.