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**Francesca Spencer : Welcome to the State of Kuwait** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Welcome to the State of Kuwait:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I loved this book!By Kristin PrendergastThis book is a funny, easy-to-read but insightful account of teaching in a very foreign land. I think anyone would relate to the author's cultural struggles while teaching at an English school in Kuwait, and crack up at how she and the other teachers passed their time... without access to alcohol. Perfect for a quick holiday read, or for an insight into life as a foreigner in Kuwait.

Based on real-life stories from an international school in Kuwait, which chart the survival of teachers from the thrown-in-at-the-deep-end start to the I-can't-believe-we-made-it finish. Outlandish comedy abounds as the teachers laugh and

lose it, through a mine field of barriers to logic, and challenges to plain common sense. The book illuminates the startling excesses of the oil-money rich as they balance a past of poverty with an extreme pot of gold from the end of the rainbow. It shows Kuwait as a microcosm reflecting the more global issues surrounding waste, ecology, using more than we need, and consumerism gone mad. The stories reveal the pros and cons of teaching on the international circuit and how the teachers adapt to an alien land of dust, sexual and racial inequality and an oppressive political regime, both inside and outside school. Resilience, fortitude and a hefty dose of humour gets the teachers through to the end with a cheer and a wave.