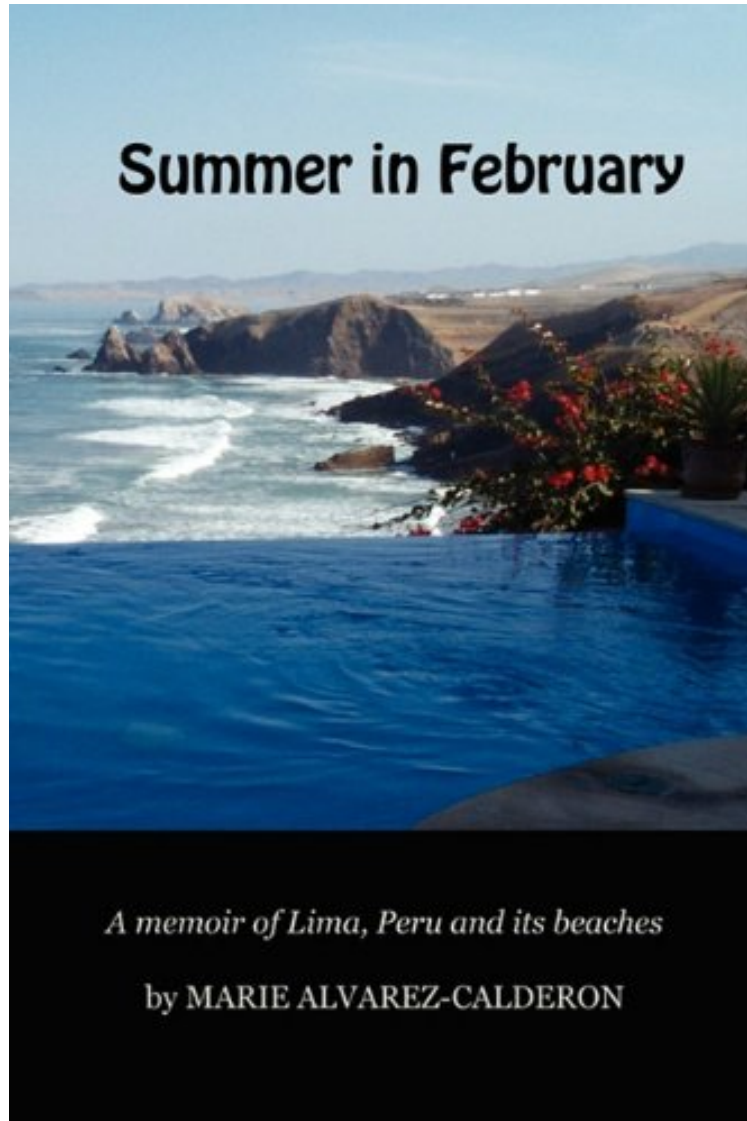


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vignette about Tico the dog who was relocated to the US was especially insightful. Overall, a great read and a way to travel to Peru from the comfort of my reading chair. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A wonderful read...By E. Kepner Marie takes you through one adventure after another in the wild and beautiful country of Peru. Her writing style pulls in the reader and makes them feel the sensations of the city and the crazy traffic to the beautiful beaches and the peace of the ocean. The dichotomy of Peru through an American's eyes. A great read...0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Memoir By Krista This is a great memoir which makes the reader understand and appreciate Peruvian society. The author does a wonderful job at describing what life is like in Peru, thus bringing it to life for the reader. It is interesting to hear about the contrasts between Peruvian life and that in the US. The book is well written and I definitely would recommend it.

This memoir begins on the Texas Gulf Coast and quickly moves to Guadalajara, Mexico. The prologue ends with shattered dreams and life-threatening danger in a Spanish-speaking country. The body of the book begins fourteen years later, when the author marries into an established Lima family and returns to danger in another Spanish-speaking nation. In those days, Peru is besieged by the "Sendero Luminoso," the Shining Path Maoist terrorists. Everything the author knows for sure comes into question. There is 8,000% annual inflation, an unstable political environment, a stratified culture, different viewpoints on career, religion, and family. There are corporate traumas, a major house fire, kidnapping, death, and a devastating earthquake. Take an armchair trip to Peru. Feel the chill of terrorism, contrasted with the warmth of an elegant Latin family. Dine on new and delicious food. Bask in the sunshine of private beach communities. Live inside gated walls and guarded compounds. Attend an exclusive wedding in private park. Go where no tour can ever take you. Experience what is like to leave a stable but gray life and enter "el mundo de sol y sombra", the world of shadows and sun.

About the Author Marie Alvarez-Calderon is a citizen of the U.S. and of Peru. She is married to a native of Lima, who she met while working for a Fortune 500 company. They live the life some people dream of, dividing their time between two distinct cultures - worlds apart.