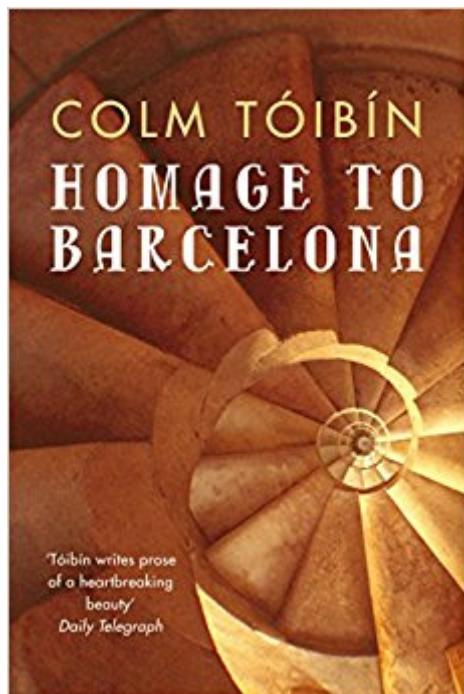


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This book celebrates one of Europe's greatest cities -- a cosmopolitan hub of vibrant architecture, art, culture and nightlife. It moves from the story of the city's founding and its huge expansion in the nineteenth century to the lives of Gaudi, Miro, Picasso, Casals and Dali. It also explores the history of Catalan nationalism, the tragedy of the Civil War, the Franco years and the transition from dictatorship to democracy which Colm Toibin witnessed in the 1970s. Written with deep knowledge and affection, *Homage to Barcelona* is a sensuous and beguiling portrait of a unique Mediterranean port and an adopted home. 'Toibin has the narrative poise of Brian Moore and the patient eye for domestic detail of John McGahern, but he is very much his own man' *Observer* 'Having lived in Barcelona off and on since the 70s, Toibin knows all the fascinations of its sensuous Mediterranean history and lifestyle and "the most precious jewels in the city's treasury of bars" ...Toibin is the perfect guide' *Chicago Tribune*

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"Colm Toibin writes prose of a heartbreakingly beautiful" Hilary Mantel, *Daily Telegraph*"

Colm Toibin was born in Ireland in 1955. He is the author of five novels, most recently *The Master* which was shortlisted for the 2004 Man Booker Prize. His non-fiction includes *Bad Blood*, *Homage to Barcelona* and *The Sign of the Cross*. His work has been translated into seventeen languages. He lives in Dublin.

A book that drills down into the Barcelona and Catalan experience. From the back cover "It also explores the history of the Catalan nationalism, the tragedy of the Civil War, the Franco years, and the transition from dictatorship to democracy." He also covers local festivals that visitors may want to include in their plan. Well done. But, please note: no photos, illustrations or maps. If you are interested in more than a walk along the Ramblas and a visit to Sagrada Família - highly recommended. Joel S.

The writing is beautifully evocative of a place and a time. If you're going to Barcelona, read this book. Toibin's writing flows, and his story is engaging.

If you are going to visit Barcelona and want a sense of what the city is all about, this book is a must. It is not a tour guide, although it touches on many of the landmarks. Rather it is a guide to the history, art and artists, architecture and architects, and to the customs and personalities. It will enrich your stay.

This is a wonderfully well written and insightful book about the amazing city of Barcelona. It's a little dated because writers write at a certain time and life keeps moving on. Nevertheless, his insights are thoughtful and well presented. The chapter on Gaudi and several other timeless personalities are very enjoyable.

I read this while visiting Barcelona. It added a lot to the experience of seeing the sights of the city.

This is a great book and very well written. My wife and I read this prior to visiting Barcelona and knowing the fascinating history made the stay that much more enjoyable

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