



Even in the Tropics, the Grass is Not Greener May 5, 2008
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This review is from: BELIZE SURVIVOR: Darker Side of Paradise (Paperback)

In this honest, counter-cultural, portrait of life in Belize [and America], Nancy Koerner reminds us that the grass is not necessarily greener in the tropics!

Koerner's book is an adventurous page turner and so relevant and dear to my personal life, having myself packed my bags and moved to Belize along when I was 19. In the beginning of the book you are introduced to this bright, young, creative, entrepreneurial, spirit who soon becomes overshadowed by an abusive, emotional vampire...all under a canopy of jungle, adventure, and nature's awesomeness-- hurricanes, floods, shark attacks, and gut-wrenching decision-making all lie within Koerner's account of life in a country with few resources and where you can pay someone to turn their head and look the other way.

In the end, when it comes to life and death decisions, Alexis must choose life over living in an image of what she wished her life and husband to be. She realizes that she cannot make others change, but is she strong enough to change on her own and leave Belize alive?

Read on on to find out...you will not put this book down...I found myself reading it slowly just so that it would not end!

And to the author: thank you for writing such an honest book. It has helped me to reflect about my life and where I am going [or not going] next. It is so funny to compare somewhere like Belize with the US...as much as I love Belize, it is also a place of corruption, a place where my grandfather-in-law's killer barely served any jail time because his family was friends with the judge, a place where all my husband's family photos were ruined in the San Ignacio flood, a place where my best Belizean girlfriend's husband refuses to let her work, it is crazy and beautiful but yes, dark...