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travel writer and urban explorer



Having worked for many years in the publishing industry selling other travel writers' books, Duncan J. D. Smith decided in 2003 to start writing and illustrating his own. As a self-styled 'Urban Explorer', travel writer, historian and photographer he has embarked on a lifetime's adventure, travelling off the beaten track in search of the world's hidden corners and curious locations. He has so far traversed three continents in search of unusual places and people, from the bunkers of Berlin and the islands of Croatia to the deserts of Jordan and the spice farms of Zanzibar. His European findings are being published in a ground breaking series of guidebooks - the *Only in...* city guides - which have been designed specifically for the purpose. Volumes on Vienna, Budapest, Prague, Berlin, Munich, and Hamburg have already been published, with Cologne in preparation.

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