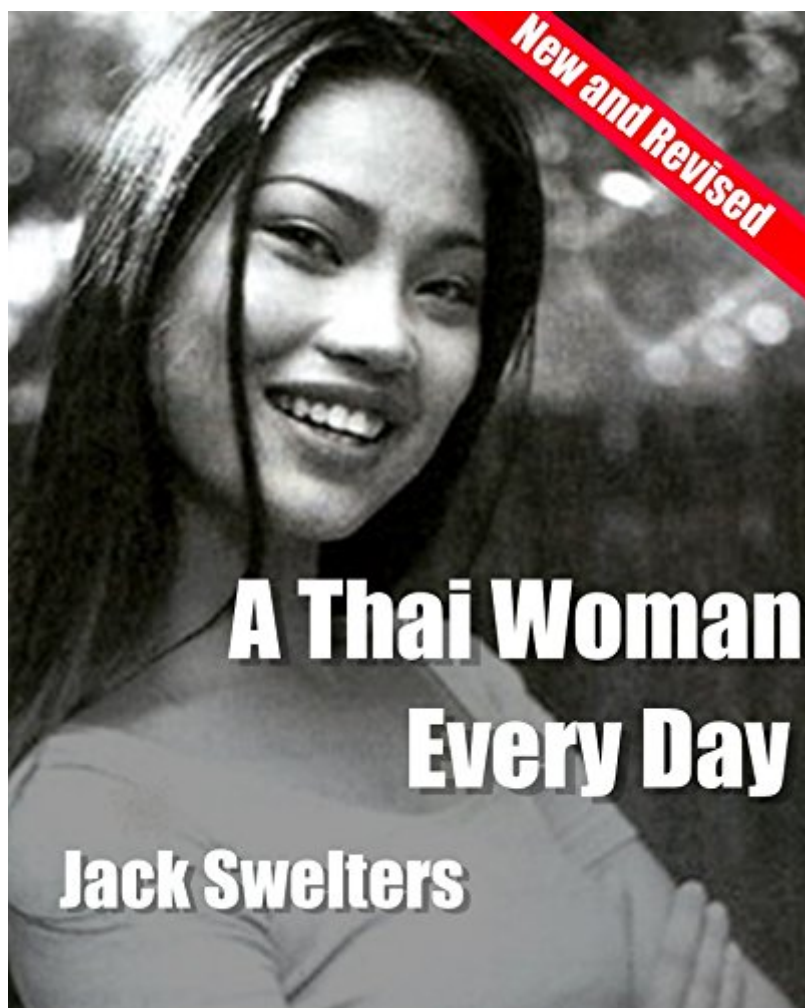


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A Thai Woman Every Day: Beauty, Charm, And Danger



Synopsis

Thai and Cambodian women are often seen as world sex symbols, but beyond their beguiling attractions is there a touch of native genius forgotten by the western world? The dangerous ability of women like Somaly Mam to bewitch famous and supposedly discerning westerners such as the New York Times' Nick Kristof, Maria Sorvino, and Hillary Clinton, stands as a warning. The author celebrates the fiftieth year since his arrival in Thailand by reflecting on various Thai and Cambodian women who cross his path, one every day. The book presents a diary of photos and character sketches of both Bangkok and country women along with the author's reflections on his daily encounters and his thoughts on growing older as an expatriate in Asia. This is not a guide to sex, beaches, bargirls, or finding Thai girlfriends but aims to entertain and inform those who have a real interest in Thai life and culture including men who may be considering an extended or retirement stay or even a bold leap into a serious relationship in "The Land of Smiles". This is the second (2015) and much expanded edition of this popular book published in early 2014. If you happened to have purchased and enjoyed the first edition and would like a free copy of the new expanded edition you can just email me at jack.swelters at gmail.com and tell me in a sentence or two your favorite character in the last half of your edition. If you enjoy reading the book, I would be happy for a review from you but this is not a requirement for your updated copy.

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"The author has reissued this book in an expanded updated version. As a writer myself, I found it well written and edited. Some readers seeking a lot of sexuality will be disappointed. If they read the first few pages, they will discover this book is not what they are looking for. Instead, the author seems able to bring his fifty years of observation of Southeast Asian women into focus. Among these seventy or so character portraits and author photographs are women seeking lost American fathers from the Vietnam era, a village grandmother with keen insight into environmental problems who was already a grandmother when the author first met her in a jungle clearing fifty years ago, a Thai wife weeping over the body of her foreign husband after arranging to have him murdered at the ATM machine. An enjoyable, instructive, and often touching read for anyone interested in the women of Thailand, Cambodia and Laos. "

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Great fast read by an intelligent author!

A clever idea for character studies, but misleads readers onto thinking more game's afoot with his choice of beautiful models for the cover shoot.

Ok, I am on a search for a really good book about Thailand and Thai women. I have read some, read some of Stickman and other Internet stuff, and will read some more. Thanks to Kindle, the low price and rapid delivery allows this interest not to wane. My latest acquisition would have dented my determination, but I did have a sandwich while reading. Disappointing, I am sorry to say, because Jack (can his real name be, in hot Thailand, "Swelters"?) has tried to be interesting. His cover is deceptively alluring along with the title; just the thing for a horny guy starting out for Thailand who wants a short answer to how soon, how well, and how cheaply can he get laid. This book is definitely not for him. Instead, this book is a series of vignettes about Thai women Jack has met and photographed in his years living in Thailand. Really unfortunately, what could be some touching

insights into these women, told with a writing flair that reveals character with wit and wise insight, this book delivers instead tiresome memories, not artfully told nor making much of a larger revelation of the human condition--as these women have lived it. Actually, I can only occasionally guess at the depth of their character because the recreation of living-breathing human beings is so overlooked or just lamely expressed in this laconic collection. The photos are nice. My sandwich and my patience were consumed at the half way point of this book. I skipped ahead and read the last one, the one for the cover girl. By that point, I had fully tired of the not-so-subtle author's speculation about a good husband for this girl or that, with the usual Western assumption that she could only live well and fully if only she found the right Western man. To get a deep feeling for these woman, you will have to generate it mostly yourself as you read. Actually this text reads like so many texts urged upon me to "flesh out and make a great movie script" with only the proper formatting and some "movie stuff" added. Those writers thought they had great human insight, interesting characters artfully drawn, and a compelling story. All they had is what this book has--some mildly interesting anecdotes with little human insight and precious little Thai-ness too boot. Everyone, from the horny guy arriving and on to the person looking for some adroit human interest stories, can just skip this book. It is a shame, mainly on the author, that it panders in its title and cover, and then panders in another way to a reader's hope that the next anecdote will feel fresh and uplifting... or something.

Gained real insights into Thailand through these lovely stories. Very well written and presented in an entertaining way. Well done.

Not what you think; interesting essays on different women and their lives-the good and bad. Good insight on local feel and culture from someone on the ground for 50 years and remembers the old days as well as the new. The author would be a great guy to have a couple beers with, sure he has other good stories.

This book is poorly written, lacks detail and insight and is full of grammar errors and typos. I was trying to gain insight on Thai culture and this book was not helpful.

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