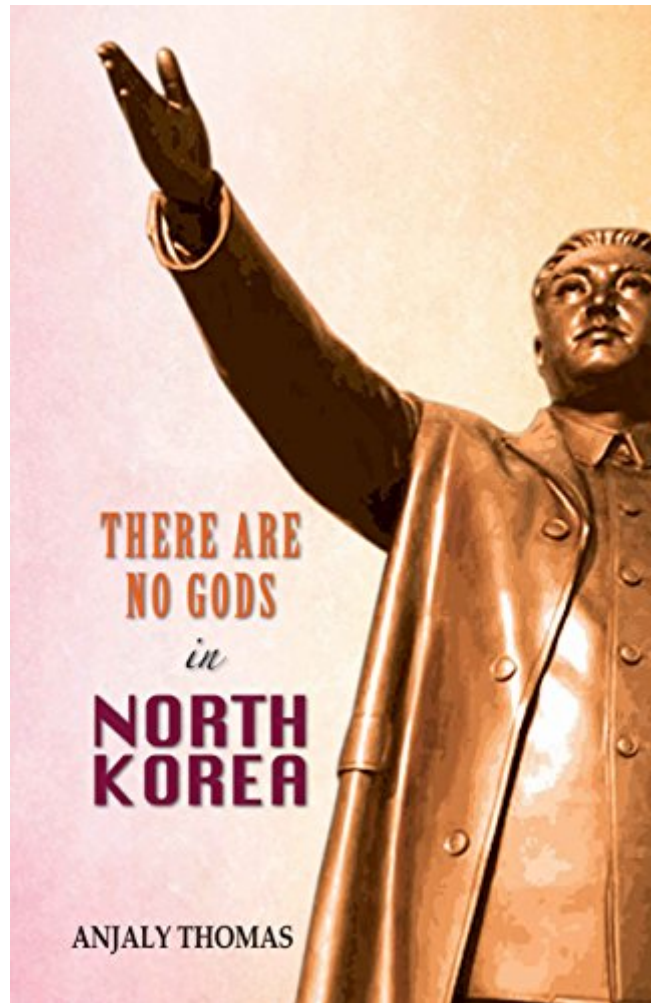




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The uniqueness of the book lies in the simplicity of narration and the author's real life experiences as she goes about her solo journeys around the world. These journeys do not dwell on destinations, but life moments which define the purpose of travel and create the richness of experience, leading her to a completeness not experienced by any other form of entertainment. Be it freezing in the cold in Turkey, capitalising on the kindness of strangers in Mongolia, redefining the limits of individual freedom in the iron-regime of Democratic People's Republic of Korea or whether it is about learning to give, take or being humble or, most importantly, whether it is about being able to shed prejudices and being able to adapt and accept change – the author's journeys to random countries around the world will take the reader to a new level of understanding travel. It will instill a sense of responsibility and the importance of being a part of the world we live in.

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Customer Reviews

I was in the same group as Anjaly that visited North Korea. Of the three books i have read on North

Korea, this is the only one that gives a fair picture on the closed nation. I admire her for the risk she took of going there under the cover of being a "Kindergarten" teacher. Her going there with an open mind helped her to give an open and honest opinion about the DPR. The book is easy to read and enjoyable and would recommend it to anyone interested to know about North Korea. I am still longing for the experience she had in Mongolia but plans are already in place for me to go there soon. I would not let go as to why me, a citizen of an unknown country, Swaziland went there!

Anjali Thomas is one of the best travel writers who I am very glad to meet. Places she travelled can be quite interesting for you. She travels some places such as North Korea, no one dares. I congratulate her for her courage. Although the name of the book is "There are No Gods in North Korea", in this book, there are many travel notes noted in many countries, such as Turkey, Mongolia, etc. This is a great book with her expression and style which can change your opinion you have on travel. I enjoyed reading this book and I know that you will also enjoy while you read. It's the best book on travel I've read. I'll be looking forward to having her other book which will be published soon. CONGRATS!!

The book is very well written and gives a lot of fascinating information about the North Korean regime that we don't read anywhere else. Anjali also wrote a lot of information on many other places that gives readers useful information. I highly recommend readers to buy this book.

To find the secrets of the world laid out for you to read and savor, prompting you to make your own travel plans is the impact of *THERE ARE NO GODS IN NORTH KOREA*. This is a travelogue that makes you smile, savor, chuckle and introspect. The book is not just a diary of a seasoned traveler listing her success stories but a compilation of thoughts and feelings as she encounters the world. How she has grown and changed with her travels, each trip adding to who she has become now. People across the globe are similar yet different, each country having its own peculiar flavor. Anjali has managed to gather them all in this collection of her travels. The best part is that all of it seems effortless as I read it. She seamlessly moves from one city to another, one challenge to another and the perfect promotion for backpacking, making it all so glamorous that I want to add it to my bucket list and wonder that in spite of being an army brat, why I never tried it. Travels have been an integral part of my life and I have always enjoyed it however I always felt that travel books don't do justice to the whole experience. They just tend to show the good parts

making us fall for a place, tourism advertising. In her book Anjaly does the exact opposite, she goes into the heart of the place, sharing the beautiful vistas and loneliness. How a simple fawn colored coat changed her life. Talking about the must visit places and what we will find there, the rush, the heat, the flies and even the dangers. Her book is an ideal book for travelers who are starting out, travelers who want to visit *off the box* places and who want a individual, different experience for their travels. She doesn't sugarcoat the world and she doesn't dwell on the negatives. True, no place is perfect but your experience can be if you follow her advice! And she is subtle with her hints, tips and tricks! J Also, I too fell in love with Ms Deer. It was as if she was singing her *swan song* such was the power of Anjaly's words when she describes her. The experience of her travels in North Korea is the initial part of the book but leaves a lasting impression. Maybe because it is the real forbidden city or maybe due the stark contrast of what we take for granted, I found myself imagining how it must be to live in such a prison each day for ever. The few days Anjaly spent there are enough for me to realize not all travel is fun or for us. The impact of Anjaly's book on a micro level is a good enough difference for those citizens of North Korea. To have their stories told and to think and talk of then will definitely make a difference. Hope they are found by real gods. "What it did not have was people. And life. And color. Traffic jam. Noise. It was missing something essential called *People*. An apt description of DPRK since it all was make-believe yet real. One think that I immediately missed was the pictures, even though the descriptions do full justice to the travels and the photographs never truly capture the essence of a place I felt a few could have been shared. I am a sucker for photos no matter how bad. The writing and the language is sassy, funny and has a good doze of humor. I enjoyed reading her experiences of Mongolia, Africa, China and Turkey especially since she was able to find humor in tough situations. Her sense of humor adds a punch to the book as do the many tips and tricks woven into the stories as and when they helped her. And the creepy places she visited. She did manage to find one in almost every trip! Almost. Africa has the author's heart but that does not stop her from visiting other places and I agree with her that if we miss out on Africa we miss out on real travel. I could go on writing about the experiences she has shared and her *marriage* but the real fun is reading the book. As usual I have said too much but I must mention "Travel and Relief". This is the final destination that must be the aim for all travelers. This book and her travels have opened the roads for many more to join in and contribute to bring relief materials to places they travel. As she said a candy or a bar of soap also makes a big difference. I

wish Anjaly happy travels and hope her tribe of ÆfÆçÃ â ÑÄ ÆœRelief Travelers may increase. Broaden your horizon ÆfÆçÃ â ÑÄ â œ go read the book.

Anjaly Thomas is well travelled, and this book telling some of her adventures is well written. On almost every page something put a smile on my face, sometimes out of recognition but just as often because her language brings home her feelings and thoughts so vividly. Anjaly is clearly confused about her experiences in North Korea, and her honesty in the first chapter is what kept me reading her book. The chapters that follow, for instance the one from Uganda, cover countries which are more familiar to Anjaly it seems by comparison to North Korea. Her account becomes more personal but just as enjoyable to read and be inspired by. The Nile, here I come!

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