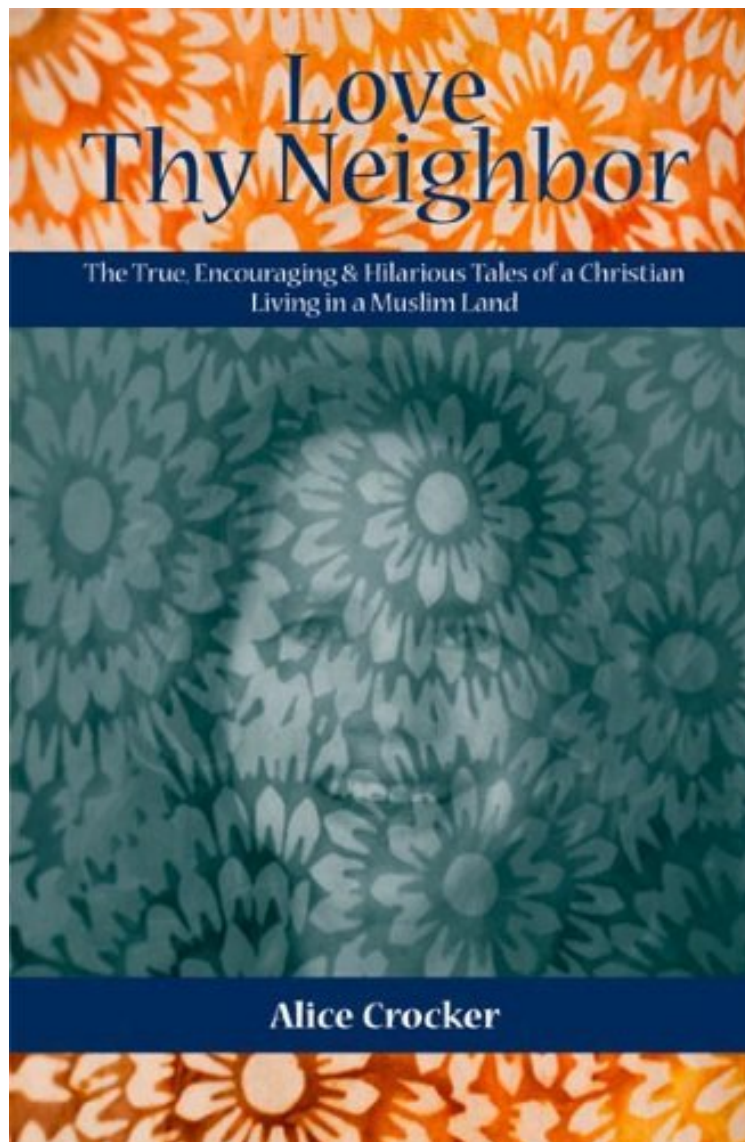


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author I had heard some of these stories in her own voice. She is a gifted oral storyteller. When I heard that she was writing a book I wondered if her gift of creating a dynamic world through her own oral rhetoric would translate to the printed page. Some great tellers of stories do not have a knack for adapting the recitations into printed form. I needed not to worry. Alice Crocker can both tell a story and convey it to the printed page. When the stories are not outright hilarious to the point of tears, they are genuinely heart-warming. Her tips for travelers are wonderfully insightful, and this book should be a must-have for anyone traveling in cultures not their own. This book should make delightful reading for a wide variety of readers. The chapters are short and any of them can be picked up and breezed through for a quick moment of joy. There is only a slight linear narrative chronology to the book, meaning that a reader could begin reading at any point without missing too much in what has gone on before. Love Thy Neighbor deserves a wide readership and is heartily recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Worth it By Susan E. Kenney Encouraging, delightful, laugh out loud funny. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Honest, Hilarious, Heartwarming By Hilary This absolutely terrific book should come with a few warnings...such as...Once you pick it up, you will not be able to put it down, You'll want everyone you know to read it too so you may want to get more than one copy because you will need one to pass around among your friends but still have one to keep, and.. because a truly great story is one you never get tired of hearing, once you finish this book, you'll want to read it again and again. It is hilarious, beautifully honest, heartwarming and chock full of self deprecating humor. I love how Alice turns her cultural "blunders" into wonderful teachable moments for anyone interested in living cross culturally. Her love for Indonesia, its culture and people is so evident and each story beautifully illustrates how she not only learned to live successfully in a completely different culture, but how her humility, grace, courage, and ability to laugh at herself ingratiated herself into the hearts and lives of those she lives and works with. This book is an absolute must read for anyone interested in learning how to successfully live cross-culturally.

"They're mostly Muslims - they'll hate you!" was the dire warning given to the author before she embarked upon the adventure that would change her life. Time disproved that and many other negative predictions. In this world of "East Versus West" or "Christian Versus Muslim" mentalities, the real life experiences of ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher Alice Crocker disprove much of what many people expect when they become full time residents in a country, culture, or even religious environment that is not their own. She learned one of her most valuable life lessons, "Be yourself and let who you are speak to those you are connecting with." With endearing, earthy wit, infinite delight in her experiences - even the highly embarrassing ones - and most of all deep, abiding love and respect, Alice's true stories prove that friendship knows no bounds and that being a fish out of water can be the most humbling, instructional, and meaningful life experience of all. These stories, all true, will encourage readers to fully entrust their lives to God, because a joyous adventure awaits, and will open their hearts to people who are "foreign," causing them to see individuals, not stereotypes. Because in the scope of creation and journeying through this temporary world with all its joy and promise, struggle and uncertainty, Alice and her beloved Indonesian friends and students prove that we are all in this together.

About the Author Alice Crocker has been living and teaching in Indonesia for over ten years. In addition to this title, she authored a publication called Foreigners Among Us, which is an English as a Second Language activity book that was used in Banda Aceh as an English course after the tsunami. What makes her an incredible teacher is her unassailable sense of humor. I am a magnet for the absurd. I have absurd thoughts, absurd people are drawn to me, and absurd things happen to me! she claims. She plans on continuing her writing career with a focus on helping others who will travel, work, and live in foreign countries assimilate better and have a more respectful, impactful attitude in their roles as living examples of what westerners are all about.