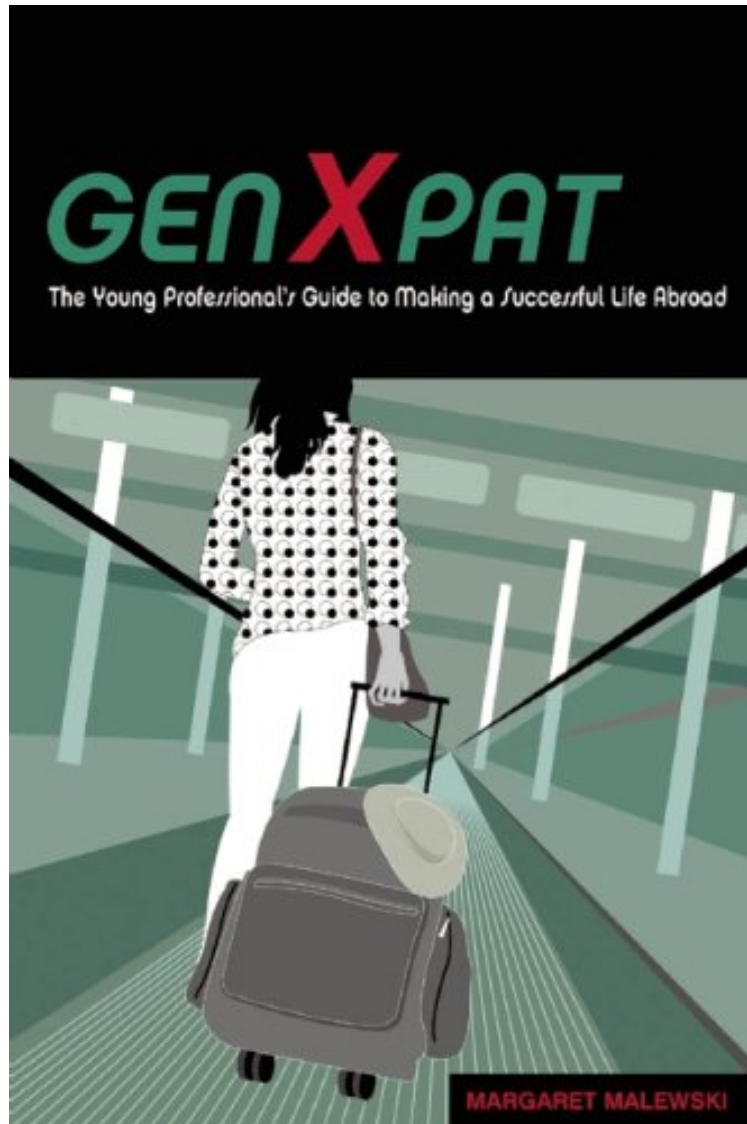


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Are you a young, mobile professional looking to start a life abroad? Then GenXpat, The Young Professional's Guide to Making a Successful Life Abroad is the guide for you! Wrapped up in fast-paced careers that increasingly involve travel and frequent international relocation, many young people find themselves bouncing from one exotic assignment to another at the cost of meaningful relationships and a true sense of connection and rootedness. This book is designed to help GenXpats embrace the opportunities and challenges of an overseas assignment while still holding on to the personal fulfillment they need to succeed in their international careers. GenXpat answers questions such as how to optimize contracts, deal with culture shock, build social networks, find romance and prepare to return home smoothly. Margaret Malewski's GenXPat addresses the needs and experiences of the young mobile 'Generation X' individuals and couples (those born between 1964 and 1981), wherever they may come from. -Dr. George Simons, www.dialogin.com Much of the content of GenXPat runs parallel to common expatriation tools and concepts, with a few notable and important distinctions. The book includes typical relocation information including cost of living calculators, an introduction to culture shock, and things to consider when moving abroad. Drawing on the work of Hall, Hofstede and Trompenaars, Malewski does a superb job of making cultural differences accessible to those who have yet to experience them by presenting concepts in a clear, concise and jargon-free fashion. -Kate Berardo, www.dialogin.com GenXPat is a guide for young, mobile professionals. It covers many aspects of pursuing a successful overseas career, such as moving, work contracts, relationships, culture shock, social life, and re-entry. -Transitions Abroad Magazine I read The Expert Expat and GenXPat and highly recommend both books. The first was very detailed into how to prepare, plan, move; adjusting, working, culture, language, you name it, it was in there.... It's a great book for anyone moving, or thinking of moving abroad. GenXPat was great as well, it focused on people like me, Generation Xers, mostly single, and their own unique experiences, needs and desires. Both books referenced each other a lot, and between the two covered everything. I think these two books are all one needs for a move abroad. -Jennifer Kirk, An American in Hong Kong blog, January 29, 2008 Contents Introduction 1 Making the Decision to Move 2 Negotiating Your Contract 3 Juggling Work and Logistics on Arrival 4 Culture and Culture Shock 5 Identifying and Working with Cultural Differences 6 Keeping in Touch 7 Building Social Networks Abroad 8 Dating Across Cultures 9 Long-Distance Relationships 10 Moving with Your Partner 11 Reverse Culture Shock Conclusion Appendix A: The Look-See Trip Appendix B: Cost-of-Living Calculator Web Resources References Index

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