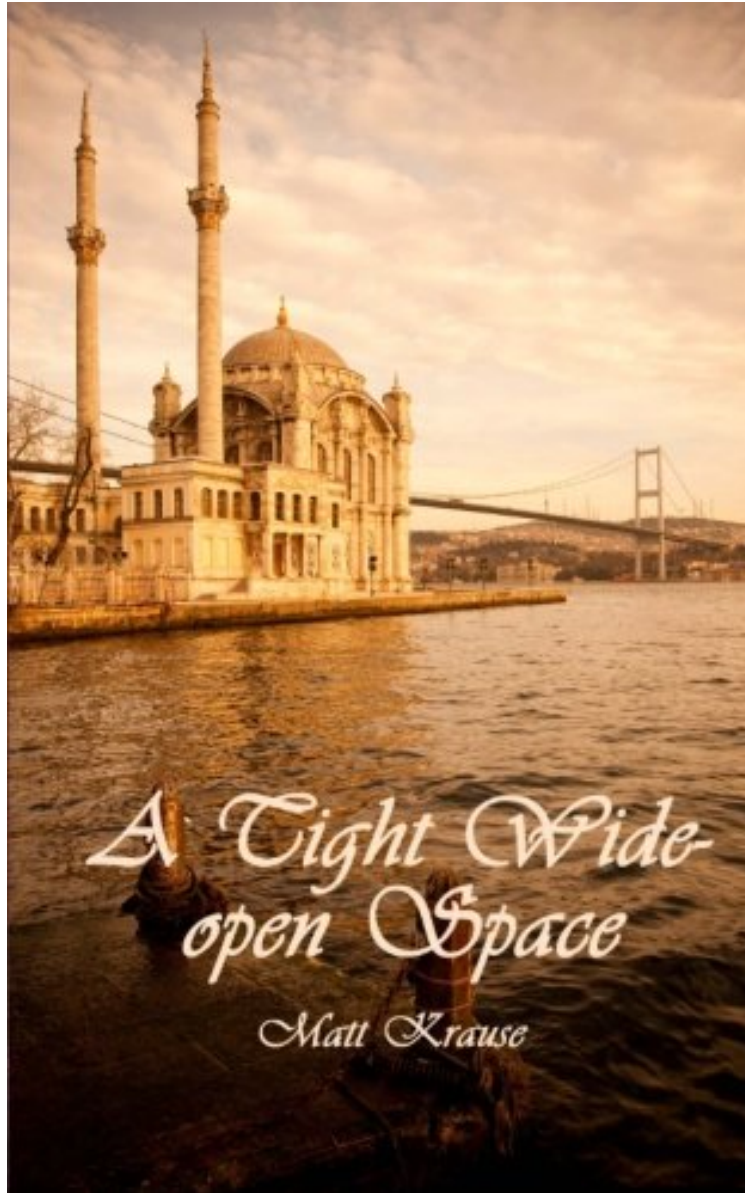


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. West Meets EastBy Bulent OzsoyOnce a friend of mine had postulated that if a writer wants to be read by masses he/she has to include love, sex, history, suspnace, tension, conflict of egos, civilizations and so on. While reading Matt's book I felt I had all of these structured in an easy to read,

exciting manner. It is very interesting to read and live thru his experiences about his life in Istanbul. Especially interesting for us Istanbulis is the observations he makes about Istanbul, our social lives here and his comments about our history. I wondered how his relationship with his lovely wife would develop and the ending was not a big surprise for me. If you wonder what Matt will do next you should read the end of his story. I look forward to his next endeavour, which I am sure will also be an interesting one. Matt has the gift of producing an exciting story out of standard, simple facts of life. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Guy changes his life for a gal  
By ellison  
A guy meets a pretty girl on a airplane. He tracks her down. Turns out she is from Turkey. He decides to go live there so he can be with her. He shares the culture and experiences along the way. Insightful.  
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By TED C.  
Matt's book is well written. I would recommend it for anyone who has interest in Muslim culture. Great read for those interested in foreign culture.

In 2003, when the shockwaves of 9/11 still echoed through the US and the country was fighting two wars in Muslim countries, Matt Krause met a beautiful Turkish woman on an airplane and decided to follow her to Turkey. This is the story of what happened there. Matt figured adjusting to life in Turkey would entail some challenges, and he certainly wasn't disappointed. He survived bomb attacks, lost his cool around beggar kids, drove a jewelry business into the ground, and got into fistfights over parking. Along the way though, he saw beauty in ruins older than the Roman Empire, was wowed by tales of Bulgarian freedom fighters, tried not to hit cows in the road, and drank plenty of peach-flavored Lipton iced tea. Scenes take place in locations known and loved by those familiar with Istanbul and Turkey: Taksim, Istiklal, the Kapali Carsi (Covered Bazaar), the Rumeli Hisari, Kusadasi, Ephesus, and more. A Tight Wide-open Space is the story of falling in love not only with a woman, but with a city and a country. Turkey's English-language daily newspaper Today's Zaman calls the book "an immensely readable and pleasing account of five years in Turkey." Adventures in Expat Land says the book "stays with you, lingering in your subconscious. It's akin to overhearing someone half-singing, half-whispering a dreamy, jazzy ballad to their beloved."