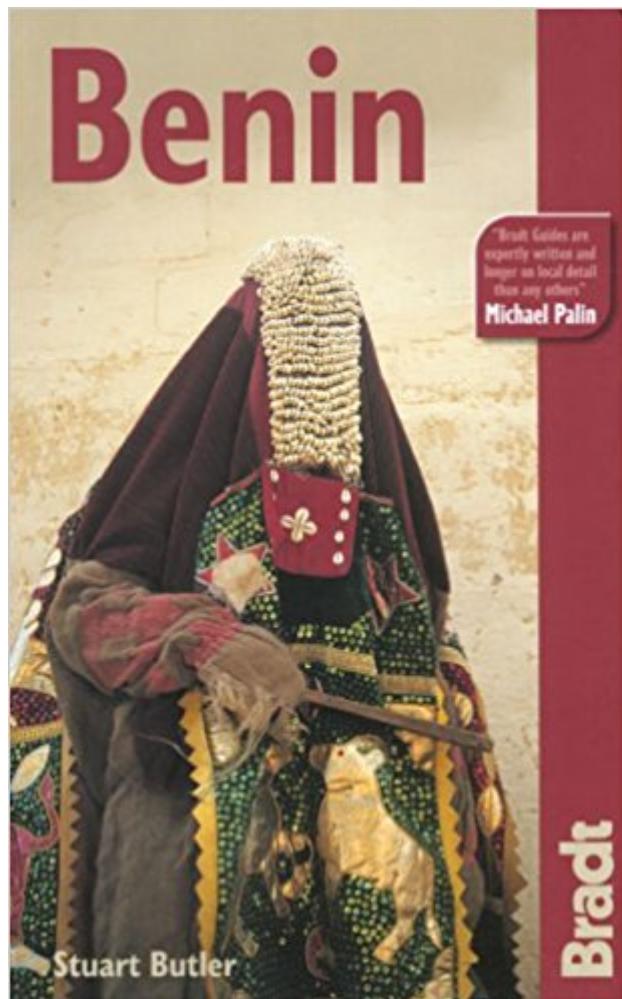


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- > Wildlife in depth--with an exploration of the Parc National du W and Parc National de la Pendjari
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- > Wide-ranging historical background information including the history and culture of voodoo

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Thank you Stuart Butler for your candor, insights, and helpful information for traveling in Benin. It is a beautiful country with warm, wonderful people. Your book helped prepare me for what to expect, what to avoid, and how to enjoy Benin to its fullest. I also appreciate the folk lore stories and actual historic events you described. I would highly recommend this travel guide as it contains dependable and realistic information. I will definitely look forward to you sharing more of your travel adventures in future travel guides.

Travelled for work to Benin and this book was great for my hobnobbing over the weekends. It is also very well written, my parents, who were not travelling with me, read it too, just because it was so much fun to read. There are also details as to who you can contact in a certain town for good guides, which I'm sure is useful. I did not make use of this and regret it. Only negative, though you cannot really expect this from a travel book, is that the historical chapter is somewhat incorrect and over-simplifying, but for that you would better get a history book. All in all, a great purchase for anyone going to Benin.

We will be going to Benin in February and staying there until December with our ship. This guide gives much more detailed information than the guides that only include about 40 pages of a West Africa Guide. So it is so helpful to us.

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