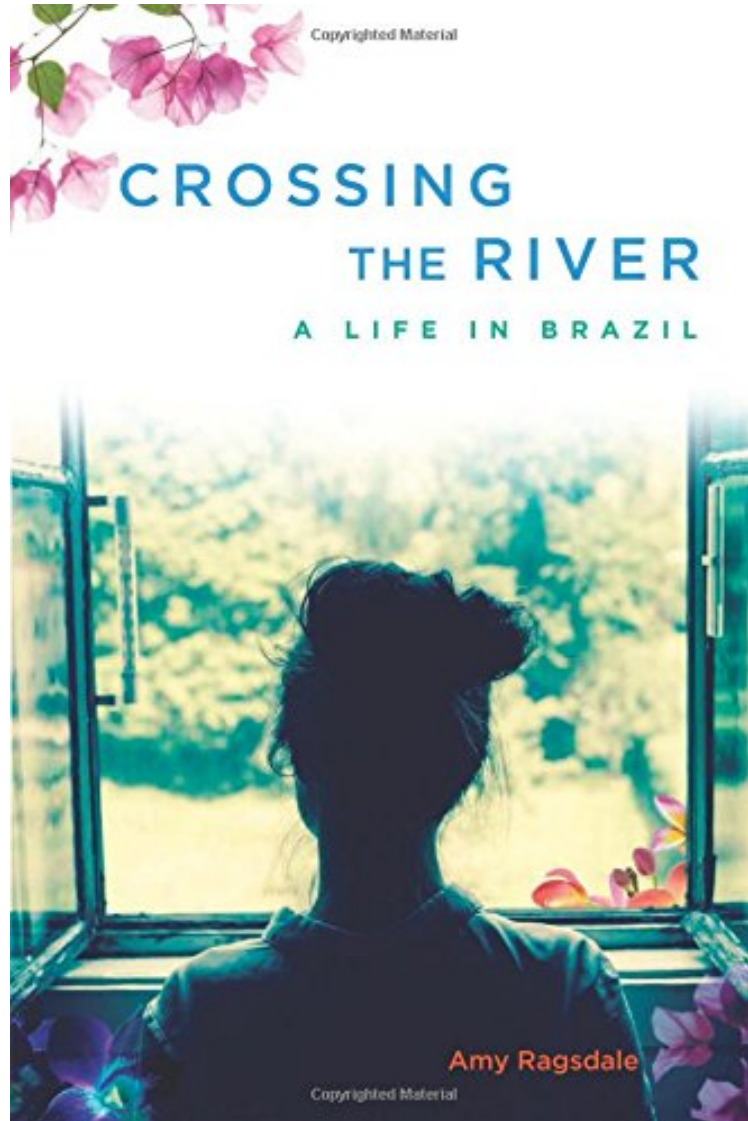


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Amy Ragsdale : Crossing the River: A Life in Brazil before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Crossing the River: A Life in Brazil:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy D. PetersonI enjoyed going along for the ride as the author's family experienced living in a small town in Brazil.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good readBy KSReading it now and liking it very much so far!2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Enthusiastic captivating travel experiment.By Sophie CayeuxSuch an enjoyable read. One feels the enthusiasm of the author for travelling, for getting to know other cultures (this book is about her family stay in Brazil - transplanted from

USA Montana), for embracing new languages (in this case Portuguese), food, customs, way of life. The author excels at picking the right details in her descriptions or characterisation. The story is sprinkled with references to local delicacies - a pleasure to someone with hyperactive tastebuds. And what I admire above all is her determination to teach her children to become world citizens, to show them the difficulties of being different but then the multitude of advantages of embracing the unfamiliar, of breaking down barriers and prejudices. It all leads to such rich experiences, to endless adventures and joy. This book will seed the adventure bug in those who dream of change but are afraid to pack and go. I'm definitely going to the after reading about her trip up the river and into the jungle, the plants, the animals and the amazing birds...And after all it shows that we all in our global world are not so different but our way of life is different. We can always learn from others and take home with us - and leave behind positive impressions and friendship. I enjoyed the epilogue very much. The author writes an attractive personal account of an alternative way of life and a very desirable way of raising children fit for today's global challenges. *THE ISLAND GIRL (THE MAURITIUS MIGRANTS SERIES Book 2)*

Overwhelmed with her fast-paced, competitive lifestyle, Amy Ragsdale moved with her husband, writer Peter Stark, and their two teenage children from the US to a small town in northeastern Brazil, where she hoped they would learn the value of a slower life. In this culturally rich and economically poor region, Amy and her family learn to fundamentally connect with their neighbors across language and customs. In the year they spend there, Amy grows close to her new neighbors, from the men who cut sugar cane to the clinical university students, as they became the family's guides to Brazilian life. Elegantly written and vibrant in detail, *Crossing the River* tells a global story through a personal memoir, examining life without the trappings of modern American culture, and revealing surprising truths about identity, family, and love.

Doing what the best travel memoirs do make readers want to hop on a plane and walk in the author's footsteps. Ragsdale's insightful, incisive chronicle is also a cautionary tale about the rewards and sacrifices that come from acting on such adventurous impulses. Booklist "Fearless to embrace total immersion [Ragsdale] displays a deep gratitude for the eye-opening adventures." Kirkus "Dancer and choreographer Amy Ragsdale set off with her family for a year's adventure in rural Brazil as an antidote to her overachieving super-mom life. Balance and joy were at the heart of her quest, and balance and joy are her gifts to us in this keen-eyed, candid, transformative story. Her journey is a gift to her readers. Her spirit is a model to follow." Annick Smith, author of *Homestead* "By means of bravery and an extrasensory ability to let what happens happen, Amy Ragsdale and her family left the ordinariness of American life and moved to small-town, rural Brazil, where magical realism is nonfiction walking up the street. The details of this book - eight-foot-long fish whose scales are used as fingernail files, a hotel called Hotel God Gave Mewill rock you, and the story of what the family went through is powerfully moving. An exciting and revelatory book, a delight to read." Ian Frazier, bestselling author of *Travels in Siberia*