

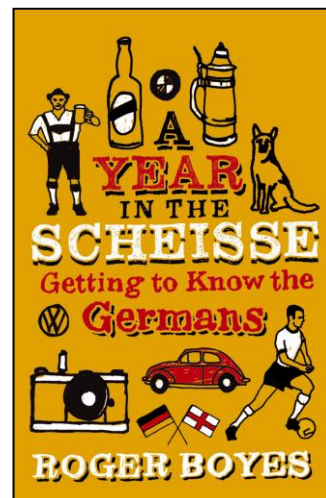
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**One Brit's attempt to live and work in Germany –  
surprising, revealing and laugh-out-loud funny**

# A YEAR IN THE SCHEISSE

## Getting to Know the Germans

By Roger Boyes



***“Germany had, against all the odds, become my adopted Fatherland. The British, of course, have neither a Fatherland nor a Motherland. They say home ... could I perhaps end up liking the country? It seemed improbable. But then the Germans themselves did not much like it either ...”***

When journalist Roger Boyes is posted to Berlin he is determined to present the modern and cultured face of Germany – but what his editor at the time *really* wants is plenty of stories about Adolf Hitler. However, between missions to find paintings by the Führer or to uncover the truth about Hitler's dietary habits (was Hitler *really* a strict vegetarian?), Roger Boyes discovers the *real* Germany – a land of eccentrics, peculiarities, diversity, warmth and a sense of fair-play.

Facing bankruptcy, Roger is advised by his accountant to make use of a legal loophole: in Germany married couples have their tax bill halved. So the search is on for a German bride. Meanwhile Roger's father, a former bomber pilot and war hero, is also in financial trouble and is threatening to move to Germany and sponge off his son.

The combination of financial, romantic and parental crises sets in train a hilarious romp during which we discover more than we really wanted to about speed-dating and nudist beaches, the British media obsession with Adolf Hitler and how to cheat at the Berlin marathon. Writing incisively and *almost* without prejudice, Roger Boyes describes the peculiarities of everyday life in Germany as he tries to get to grip with the Germans.

**Will do for Germany what *A Year in the Merde* did for France**

**About the author:** Roger Boyes, 54, was born in Hereford into a military family and moved around a lot. He has been a foreign correspondent for over thirty years, and is currently the Germany correspondent for *The Times* and author of the column 'My Berlin' in *Tagesspiegel*. He has lived in Germany for 13 years.

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