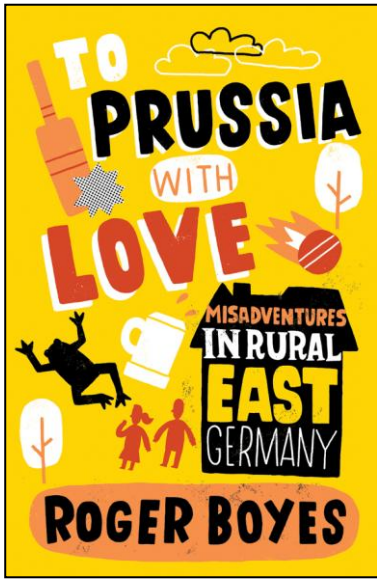


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 He wanted sun; he wanted chianti, he wanted a lemon grove.  
 He got an East German B&B and lots of amorous frogs!



# To Prussia with Love

## Misadventures in Rural East Germany

Roger Boyes

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In a desperate attempt to save his relationship with girlfriend Lena and take a break from the world of journalism, Roger Boyes agrees to “a great escape” from the easy urban lifestyle of Berlin and decamp to the countryside. Dreaming of Tuscany he is wildly excited to hear that Lena has acquired a property for them ...

*‘We-have-a-house-in-the-country? Where?’ I almost shouted... ‘No, wait, don’t tell me – it’s Todi in Umbria, right? Or – no, I know, that old Etruscan settlement! The old manor house, the one with the lemon groves! ...’*

*‘No,’ said Lena, ‘It’s a bit different ...’*

*‘Where?’*

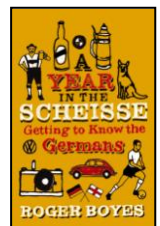
*‘Alt-Globnitz. ... out towards the Polish border ... and it’s the biggest frog-mating territory in eastern Brandenburg.’ ...*

*I started to write down the many reasons why I did not want to settle down in East Germany.*

TUSCANY	BRANDENBURG
Tagliatelle con tartuffo	Gherkins
Etruscan tombs	Old Soviet barracks
Close to jetset resorts	Close to German Army cemeteries
Frescoes	Fried sausages
Natural disaster: Poor grape harvest, wine too sugary	Natural disaster: Flooding along the Oder river, thousands homeless

Needing a form of income, Lena and Roger set up a British-themed B&B in deepest, darkest Brandenburg in the run-down old schloss that Lena has inherited.

Enter unhelpful Harry and his Trinidadian chef, a mad Scot to advise them of re-branding Brandenburg, some suicidal frogs and a posse of mad tourists. It all culminates, naturally, in a cricket match between the Brits and the Germans on an old Russian minefield. Farce meets romance in this follow-up to Roger’s successful **A Year in the Scheisse: Getting to Know the Germans** (Summersdale; 2007)



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