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My Couch Is Your Couch: Exploring How People Live Around The World



Synopsis

Tour the world from inside other people's homes. Documentarian and photographer Gabriele Galimberti traveled the world for more than two years. He stayed only with members of the diverse, multicultural Couchsurfing.com community, the social network website that connects travelers with hosts across the globe. The stunning photography collection in *My Couch Is Your Couch* reveals the wide range of spaces we can call "home." Sleeping everywhere, from a castle-like estate in Germany surrounded by a moat to a hut in Fiji made of metal sheeting, from the recording studio and flat of an indie band in London to a cube-shaped cement home in rural Morocco adorned only with Berber carpets, Gabriele saw the world and its cultures from the inside. Across six continents, he photographed his hosts at home, at work, and at play, and in doing so, captured the essence of each person and place. *My Couch Is Your Couch* is about sharing and learning; it presents moments of awkwardness and discomfort, friendship, and sometimes even love. Ultimately, Gabriele reveals what's at the center of travel: connecting with other people.

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Customer Reviews

Gabriele Galimberti is the author of *In Her Kitchen* and *Toy Stories*. His work has appeared in *Newsweek*, *Le Monde*, *Le Temps*, *Vanity Fair*, and *Slate*, among others. His photographs and stories have led to partnerships with companies such as Illy and Couchsurfing.com. He lives in Italy.

Really lovely stories from places I never would have thought of visiting or even heard of. I wish some of them were longer!

I won this book through a Goodreads giveaway. This wonderful book explores couchsurfing through intriguing and often amusing portraits and brief stories of hosts around the world. Revealing the diversity of both the homes and the people who inhabit them, these pictures take us on a fascinating journey. Each accompanying biography tell us a little about the work and lifestyles, hopes and dreams of couchsurfing hosts, young and old. I was so interested in exploring this community about which I previously knew very little, I may be moved to become a host and/or guest myself. A thoroughly delightful and enjoyable book from Italian photographer Gabriele Galimberti.

~Disclaimer: I received this book for free in a giveaway~It's a shame not all the pictures are within the house. The writing isn't anything special. The images are lovely though. And the concept is neat. Unfortunately, given how many books I have it's unlikely this one will make it onto my coffee table. But I'm gonna take a look at some of Gabriele's other books because they look pretty fascinating.

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