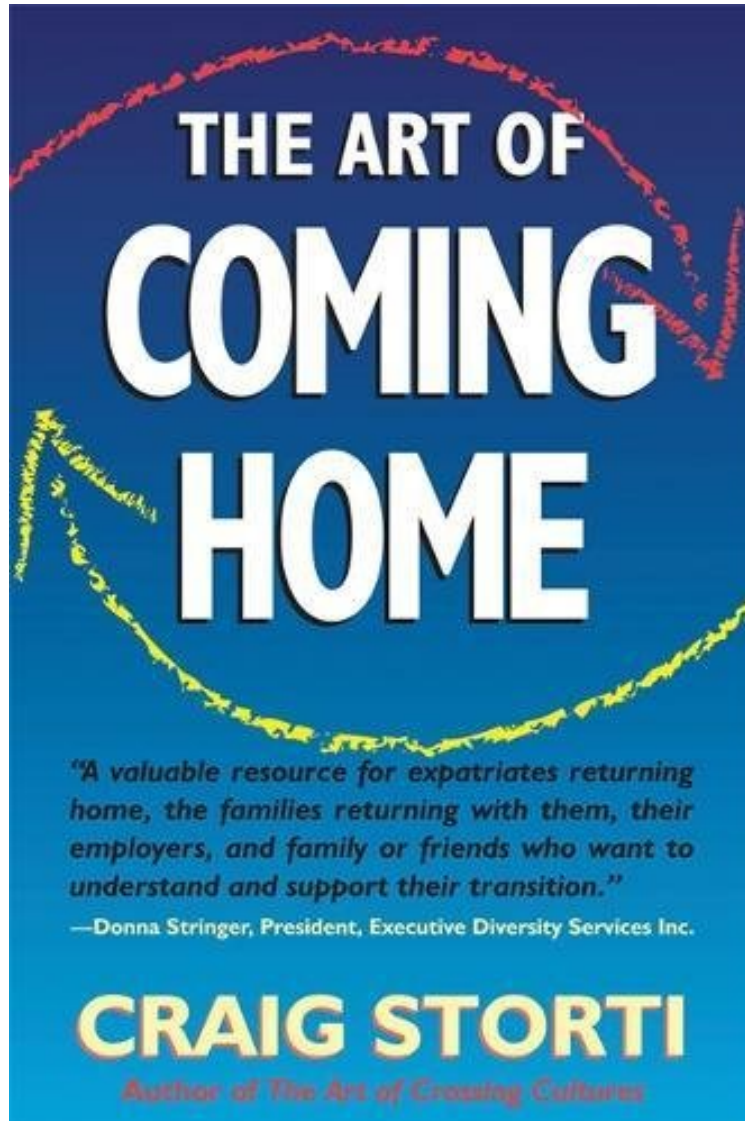


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Culture Shock in Reverse By FlacoBob Culture Shock in Reverse Culture Shock, a noun . . . the feeling of disorientation experienced by someone who is suddenly subjected to an unfamiliar culture, way of life, or set of attitudes. Google IF YOU HAVENT EXPERIENCED IT, returning home after spending months or years overseas in a different culture, with different standards and perhaps another language, can be a challenge. American Peace Corps Volunteers, Japanese Volunteers or United Nation Volunteers in Latin America

bring back their experiences and new found memories that have changed their person. And it isn't just volunteers who experience these changes, military families, students, missionaries, and business executives do as well. Coming home is a challenge with special benefits that remain with us. What author Craig Storti brings us in *The Art of Coming Home* is an awareness of the changes in those of us who have lived overseas, but also in the family and friends we left at home. He provides a manual to consider the many benefits of living in a host country, and sharing what we have brought back both our country and our host country reap the benefits of our experience. As an Army brat before I became a Peace Corps Volunteer in Colombia, my family moved every two or three years within the USA or overseas. Home was where we happened to be at the time, but memories were always kept in our scrapbooks or photo albums. . . to remember and share! Now with selfies and WhatsApp so much a part of our lives, we can share memories with our host families to see where we came from, and on reentry, we can show our families and friends what we did with our hosts in their respective communities. We are not far away anymore. Returning expats may see coming home as temporary, planning to return to their host country for visits, maintain contact with their new friends, or even marry. The challenge is to see and understand that we change, our family and friends change . . . even our Host families and friends change. Use the experience that you gained and what you left behind both at home and overseas to see yourself as a better person. *Coming Home* is the manual that can open doors to who you are and what you plan to do with the new you! Personnel officers need to listen to their expats or new employees or students . . . we want to share our experience! Keep this manual with you when you have doubts. Share when you get excited someone really wants to hear about your experience. Then con them into taking the challenge and go live in another culture!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. *The Art of Coming Home* By Ted
The Art of Coming Home is an excellent introduction to a little known or understood concept: reverse culture shock. When a loved one suffers and you strive to learn how to help, a book like this is invaluable and makes all the difference in understanding the problem and implementing a solution. The author thoroughly describes the phenomenon and carefully guides the reader toward a compassionate understanding and positive choices to support that loved in "coming home". Interestingly, my work often involves dealing with people whose lives are affected by what has been termed "institutionalization" - which I learned from this book is yet another form of culture shock. So, this book has helped me on both a personal and professional level. I highly recommend it.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Helpful
By Melinda HI have just moved back to the US after 4 years in China. I read it right before we moved. We only had a month notice though, before we moved and this book would be most helpful if you had a few more months to do the Leaving the right way. I appreciated the information, and that the book was on kindle as books are hard to get when you aren't in the US.

Expecting that the home will be the way it was when you left? Are you instead shocked to discover that both you and home have changed? *The Art of Coming Home* offers the solid advice you need to reduce the stress of making the transition home. Leave-taking, the honeymoon stage, reverse culture shock, and eventual readjustment--*The Art of Coming Home* lays out the four stages of the reentry process and details practical strategies for dealing with the challenges you will face each step of the way. Veteran trainer, consultant, and world adventurer Craig Storti sketches the workplace challenges faced by returning business executives as well as the reentry issues of spouses, younger children, and teenagers. He also addresses in detail the special issues faced by exchange students, international volunteers, military personnel and their families, and missionaries and their children. Whether you are a recent returnee or are just now thinking of moving abroad, *The Art of Coming Home* sets itself apart as it brings the process of returning home right to the heart of the overseas experience.

A masterful, credible overview of the reentry process. Corporations, government bureaus, the military, and missionary groups would be wise to purchase a copy of Craig's book for each expatriate family.

Clyde Austin, Professor, Abilene Christian University
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