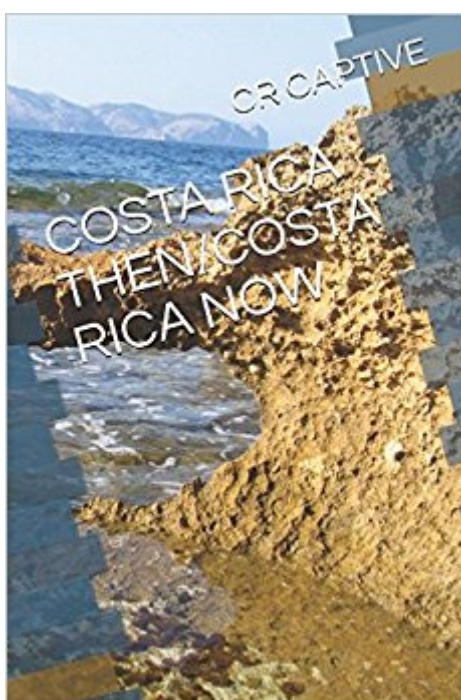


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FROM PURA VIDA TO THE ROACH MOTEL IN 11 SHORT YEARS. CR CAPTIVE IS QUITE LITERALLY A CAPTIVE IN COSTA RICA. SKIP THE PROPOGANDA & TOURIST TRAPS. YOU COULD BE RISKING YOUR LIFE (OR THOSE OF YOUR FAMILY) BY COMING TO COSTA RICA WITHOUT FIRST READING THIS BOOK. This is not a joke! I need help. My 92 year old mother is suffering from a broken hip in Florida & desperately needs her only son. Costa Rican police kidnapped me, took my life savings, & now prevent me from leaving Costa Rica to take care of my mother. It was truly Paradise, where I built my pyramid in the jungle---& from where Costa Rica Then/Costa Rica Now is written. The #1 cause of premature death was traffic accidents. #2 was drowning. Along with the scenic mountains, the beautiful women lined the roads & always greeted you with a smile. Mom loved it also, & planned to move here when she no longer felt comfortable living alone. Walking the beach in the moonlight was a joy beyond words. And then came Costa Rica Now. At first, the women kept their same clothes, & stomachs flapped over the undersized shorts as their blouses couldn't stretch to their navels. Finally they gave up & bought fat clothes. Now they (literally) throw you in jail for looking at them. Murder is so common that everyone knows the price of a "hit" (\$38). Mom was robbed & left with nothing but the clothes on her back. I was robbed first by the police, then by the Mob, & finally by a judge. NO CHARGES/NO CRIME/NO COURT/ RIGHTS/NP PHONE CALL/NO TOILET/NO WATER/NO FOOD! Just: "Give us \$9000 in cash, or you will never see daylight again." At the beginning of Cost Rica Now, crooks were the reason no one walked the beach at night. In the daytime, you cannot take your eyes off of your stuff---or even lock it in your car. But now police ARE the thieves, & act with impunity. In other Central American countries, highway robbers are the main concern. In Costa Rica, the highway robbers wear uniforms & are paid by the government. Somalian pirates kidnap until a ransom is paid. Costa Rican police now do exactly that. The US Embassy has finally issued travel warnings for the crime. Every country has criminals. Costa Rica puts them on the payroll.

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