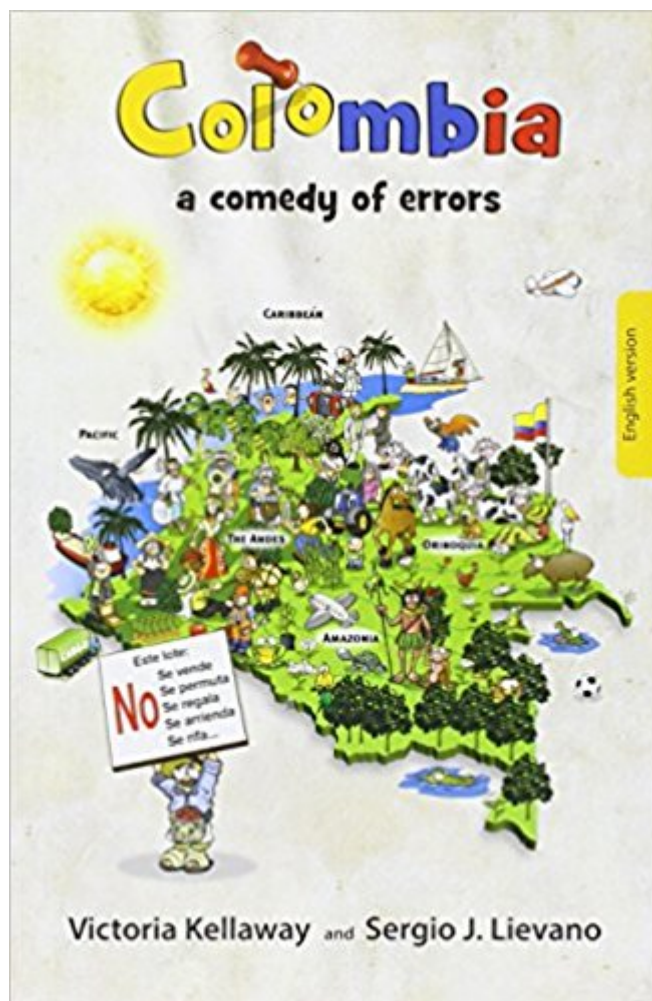


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# Colombia A Comedy Of Errors



## Synopsis

Colombia a comedy of errors tells the story of all forty-eight million Colombians, examining the country's history, people, culture, colombianomics and justice. It is a funny, full-colour book that became a bestseller in Colombia in the first month of its release. The book was written by British journalist Victoria Kellaway and Brit-Colombian artist and writer Sergio J. Lievano and reveals the secrets behind a nation that has drama and comedy seeped into its bloodstream. The pair study the country with an eye for detail that will surprise everyone, from the most knowledgeable reader to those who don't have a clue about the country. This lively, humour-filled book has a serious heart and makes for an ideal gift or travel companion. It contains more than 160 illustrations, caricaturing famous faces (including Shakira, Bolivar, Botero and Uribe) as well as all those ordinary Colombians fighting to survive their country's daily contradictions. Colombia a comedy of errors is an inspiring journey into the very depths of the Colombian gene and what it means for Colombians everywhere.

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"A book that has become a must-read for the thousands of foreigners who come to our country every year." -Semana Magazine, September 13th, 2014 "There is no better way to express what the country can be than the phrase 'Colombia a comedy of errors'. We recommend it."

-SOHO Magazine, August 1st, 2014 "Kellaway and Lievano publish an instruction manual for understanding Colombian identity." -El Tiempo, February 8th, 2014

I was living in Colombia when this book came out and blasted through it because of the fact that it

was spot on with my experience. Sometimes my jaw dropped as I read things that had I had always thought but wouldn't dare actually talk about with Colombians... and therefore they wouldn't necessarily talk about with me. Although that might make it sound quite controversial (if teasingly vague?) I know for a fact that the book was written from a place of love for the country and its people and a genuine desire to take on board what Colombia has to offer us as well as see the country and its people prosper.

Funny and greatly illustrated, this little book is an essential read for lovers of Colombia! It has been a pure joy to read the authors' "serious" take on all the little crazy traits of Colombian society that I used to boil over futilely. Now I know I wasn't being too sensitive - someone even wrote a book about it! I worked in Colombia for a few years and the place drove me crazy. It drove me crazy yet I fell in love with the place. This book through a fine sense of humor and great illustrations - provides serious answers enabling the reader to end any emotional contortions and embrace Colombia for all the good and the bad. So thank you for this precious little book. Muchisimas gracias!

Absolutely hilarious, well written, and surprisingly honest. A must for anyone who married a Colombian, is dating a Colombian, or knows a Colombian in any way. It basically untangles the mystery of what a Colombian person is, but in such a funny way that makes it seem so much better. A great read for us born in Colombia, and those who have the pleasure of meeting us ;)

My mother is Colombian and I have a LOT of family still in Colombia. I grew up in the US but visited and stayed in Colombia for extended periods of time. This book pulls together all the pieces to help me understand the cultural differences between the US and Colombia. It does so with humor and love but also very concrete examples that explained a few things that always perplexed me. For example, why my mom and aunts always say "su merced" and no one else I've ever met from a Spanish speaking country uses that way of addressing people. I highly recommend.

Great book! I bought it for my whole family to read. As I am married to a Colombian, I thought it would be a funny way to learn a bit more about the culture. I have been married to a Colombian for 5 years now (I am British/American) and this really opened my eyes to some of the cultural quirks of my husband and his family. It's light hearted but enlightening. My husband even read it and laughed out loud a few times. Highly recommend for anyone even visiting Colombia (or marrying one ;)).

I purchased this to prepare for a trip to Colombia. It is very helpful, entertaining, and full of interesting info about Colombia I doubt I would have found anywhere else. I learned that I shouldn't let anyone sell me a papaya, for instance.

I've been a distant student of Colombia for a while; and am looking to become an expat there in the near future - thus it's with great interest that I poured over Kellaway's book. I'm already a huge fan of her blog, which along with the book, have been a great source of insight into some of the cultural differences we face in Colombia as expats.

I bought this book in preparation for my move to Colombia, and it has proven an invaluable resource. It helped a LOT when I faced those first rounds of intense culture shock! Thanks for writing such a marvelous resource. The tongue-in-cheek style helps remind me to not take assimilation so seriously and to have fun with the experience of living in Colombia as a foreigner. (Plus, I can never look at the Colombian flag again and not laugh!!)

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