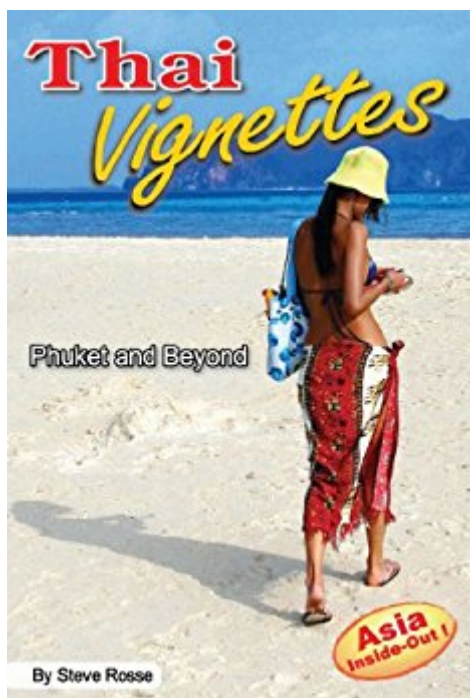


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There were a couple of good short stories in there, but for the most part, I found the style of writing to be a bit pretentious and quite hard to follow at times.

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