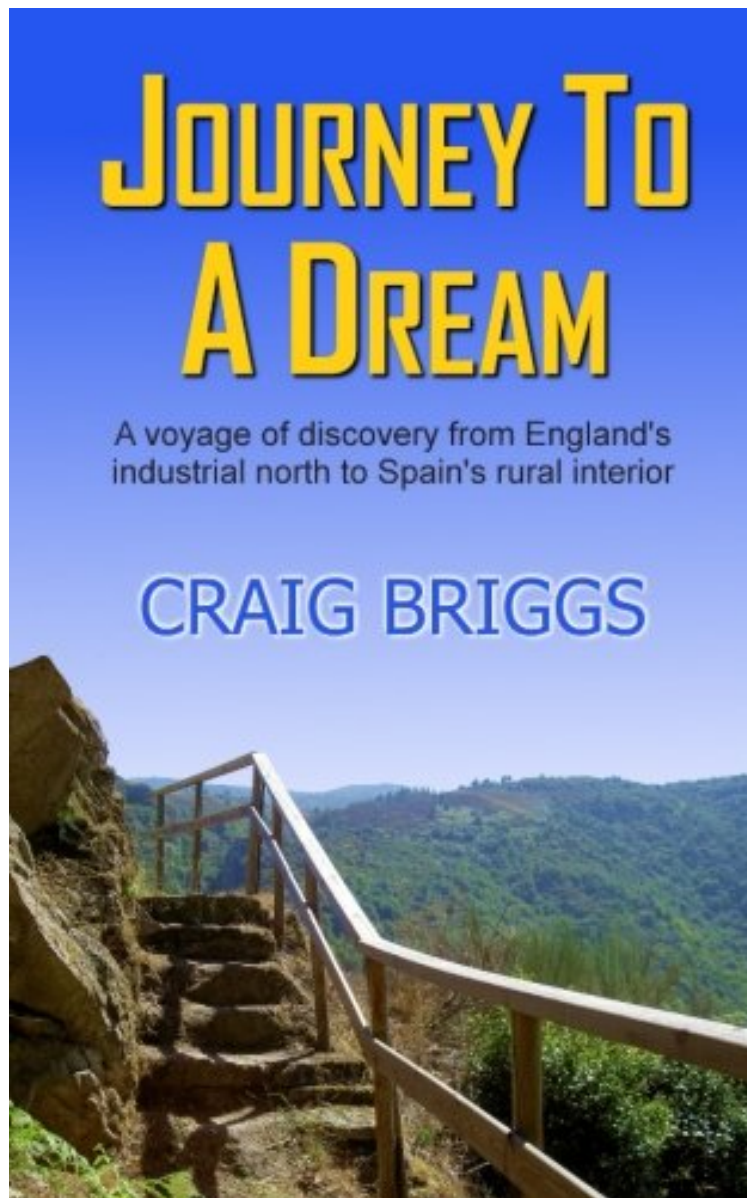


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Like many of us, Craig Briggs dreamt of living a different life, free from the stresses and strains of modern living. But unlike most of us, he decided to pursue his dream. In May 2002 Craig, his wife Melanie and their dog Jazz, left their home town of Huddersfield in England's industrial north and set off for Galicia, a remote and little known province in the northwest corner of Spain. And so began their Journey To A Dream. With help from the locals, they quickly settle in to their new, relaxed lifestyle but the search for a new home soon changes that. They encounter a freelance estate agent of dubious character and after several failed attempts to buy a home are forced to reassess their goals. Worse follows: a brush with the law, a temperamental builder and the mysterious disappearance of their life savings. The spectre of failure and a penniless return to England hovers over them. Join Craig, Melanie, and Jazz along a colourful, bumpy and at times, dangerous journey and immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and tastes of their Galician paradise.

About the AuthorCraig left fulltime education aged eighteen and began a career in retail. At the age of 28, he found his true vocation after buying into a small printing business. After 13 years of blood, sweat, and holding back the tears, he sold up to pursue his dream. In May 2002, two months before his fortieth birthday, Craig, his wife Melanie and their pet dog Jazz, squeezed all their worldly goods into their aging executive saloon and headed off to Spain. Not for them the tourist packed Costas of the Mediterranean coast or the hills of Andalusia, no, they headed for Galicia, a remote and little known region in the northwest corner of Spain. Craig began writing a weekly column for an online magazine in 2004. Over the last few years he has written a number of articles for the Trinity Mirror Group and online publications such as: CNN, My Destination, and Insiders Abroad. In 2013 he published his first travel memoir Journey to a Dream. It tells the story of a turbulent first 12 months in Galicia. His latest book, Beyond Imagination, continues the adventure as they settle in to their new home and surroundings. As well as writing, Craig and his wife Melanie own a traditional Galician farmhouse which they rent to tourists from around the world. He's also an enthusiastic wine maker and currently works two small vineyards.