

## Last Old Place: Search Through Portugal

*Datus Proper*

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**Datus Proper : Last Old Place: Search Through Portugal** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Last Old Place: Search Through Portugal:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A wonderful read for anyone who knows Portugal or who plans ...By LaborgirlAbsolutely charming. A wonderful read for anyone who knows Portugal or who plans to visit.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Globetrouter's Friendly View of PortugalBy Bob NewmanFirst things first. I am a big fan of Portugal. I've been there three times. I have a reasonable, if sometimes rusty, command of the language. I do like fado music and innumerable Portuguese dishes. And, like the author of this very pleasant book, I admire the Portuguese people for their lack of pretension, their down-to-earth lifestyle, and their belief in hard work, family, and a bit of cynicism for the many phonies of this world. When he tries, Datus Proper can bring alive any episode from history, for example, the crucial battle of Aljubarrota in 1385. Cultural comparisons between Portugal and the USA are his forte; I really liked the way he handled them. Then too, Lisboa is one of my favorite cities in the whole world. So, with all this, how could I not like THE LAST OLD PLACE and its wry humor and insightful comments on Portugal, Portuguese history, and Portuguese people ? In fact I liked it a lot, was even sorry to reach the end and I suspect, if you give it a try, you will feel the same.However. I don't feel like excusing Portuguese deeds overseas by saying that, well, that was long ago, and we all had different standards then. Of course, that is true, but still, Portuguese colonialism in Asia and Africa was ugly, even if it was less ugly than that of some other, nameless countries. A minor quibble, I mean, the book isn't about colonial deeds or misdeeds. The main point for most readers is the following....how

interested in trout fishing are you ? Alas, I am not the slightest interested in it, so I was kind of "floundering" there, if you'll pardon me. The author travels around Portugal with a local friend--a kind of human equivalent of Steinbeck's Charley---a man we don't really get to know much about, but one who perhaps represents some old, now-vanishing Portuguese qualities, but more importantly, shares Proper's addiction to fly fishing in remote streams. So, to reach my conclusion rapidly, I would have liked a lot more of the author's clever, humorous, apt observations on Portugal and a lot less clambering around the rocks looking for the perfect trout hole. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Super fast shipping! By Georgia Faulkner I'd buy this again. Great value. really well made and easy to put together Works extremely well This is probably the most interesting item I bought from . This fits the bill perfectly. It provide both decorative purpose and safety feature. Fast delivery! Good design in a pretty box.

In a captivating ramble through what is destined to become this year's Provence, this leisurely explorer's eloquent and entertaining account of an erstwhile empire--which is today a refreshing refuge from the clamor and jostle of contemporary life--chronicles the adventures of two aging gentlemen, roaming the country in search of heroes, trout, green wine, and real bread. Line drawings.

From Publishers Weekly A former American diplomat, linguist and ardent fly fisherman, Proper ( *What the Trout Said* ) combines a travel journal, rich in astute, witty commentaries on Portugal and its people, with self-revealing personal recollections. The route selected by the author and his 77-year-old Portuguese companion took them, on foot and by car, from Lisbon and the southern port of Sagres, from which Prince Henry the Navigator launched western expansion, to the northern Douro Valley, famed for its port wine. With a sure, deft touch, Proper evokes the essence of places as different as the walled city of Evora, replete with Roman-Moorish-Christian grandeur, and the inviting countryside, where they paused to sample savory fare and test the trout streams. The book offers an engaging portrait of a small country "top-heavy with history" and its hospitable though in many cases impoverished people. Illustrations. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal One of the most enjoyable ways to get to know a country is through reading autobiographical travel writing. Proper and his guide, a 77-year-old Portuguese, ramble throughout Portugal and reminisce about the history and heroes, language, culture, and character of the Portuguese people. The author frequently quotes from Luis Vaz de Camoes's *The Lusiads*, and he enlivens his work with subtle humor, whether describing quiet fishing expeditions or detailing culinary delights while conversing with locals in the countryside. His reflections are not light reading but more an intellectual study of many aspects of the country and its people. The coverage of his journey is well balanced and enriching. Recommended for more specialized collections.- Jo-Anne Mary Benson, Osgoode, Ontario Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.