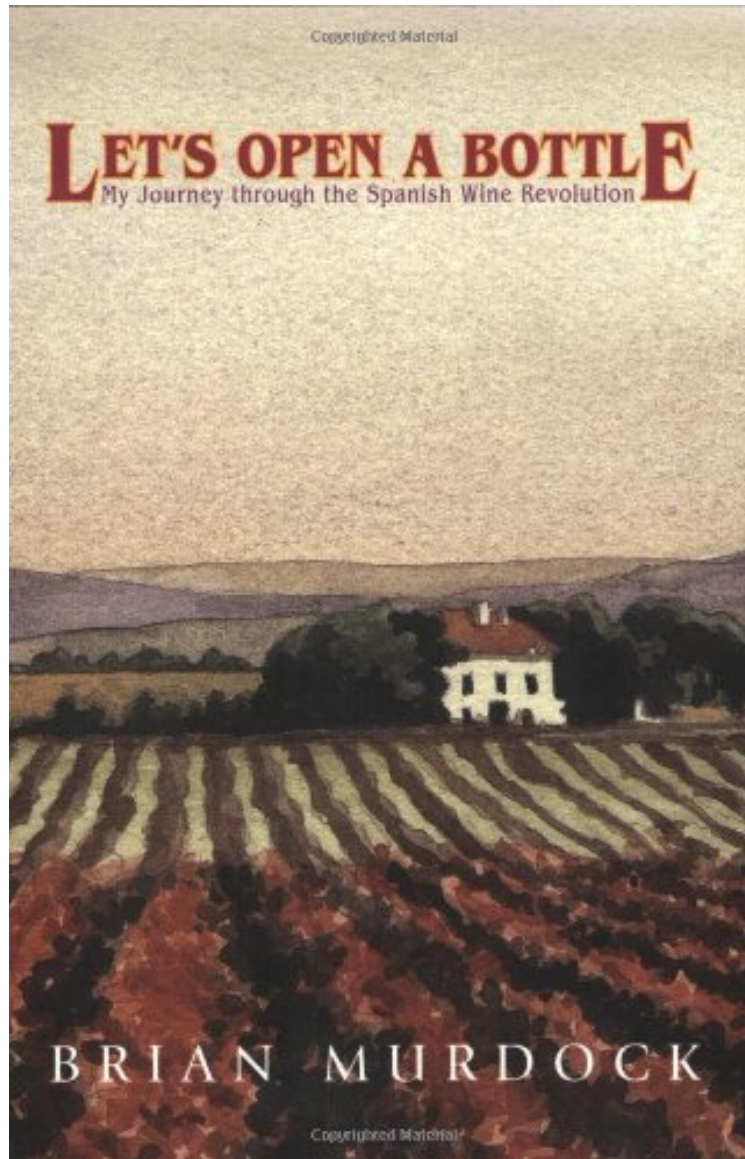


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Humor and presentation make this book easy-to-read and understand. Regional historical information and anecdotes alone make turning pages a pleasure. -- Madridman.com February 14, 2005 About the Author Let's Open a Bottle is the author's first published work. He has lived in Spain for the past fifteen years and currently teaches at a private school. He devotes much of his time to writing and discovering all he can about Spain and lives in Madrid with his wife and their two daughters.