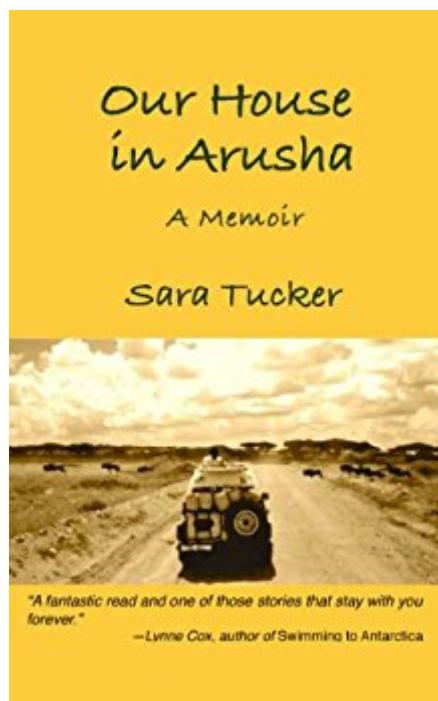


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# Our House In Arusha



## **Synopsis**

When an American traveler on her way to Kansas ends up in the Serengeti, her life gets a complete makeover. Within months, she is the wife of a French safari guide and the stepmother of an eleven-year-old. The year that follows is a test of courage and resilience as each member of the family struggles to make a place for himself in a tantalizing and dangerous world. Part love story, part adventure saga, Our House in Arusha explores the meaning of second chances.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I could not put this book down. You should only start to read Our House in Arusha if you don't have to show up for work the next day because once you start, you will want to know the whole story. The author went to Tanzania on a whim ("I had meant to go to Kansas"). She was offered an opportunity to join a safari with the expectation that she would fall in love with the experience and write a favorable review for a travel magazine. The safari guide is a Frenchman who has been rambling around the continent of Africa for over 30 years. In that time he has had enough cliff hanger adventures to rival Indiana Jones. The guide, Patrick Texier, invites the author to return for another visit and then another. Gradually she absorbs many of his stories and is charmed by this man, his

life and his 9 year old son who "needs a real mother". Back home in New York City she has much unfinished business: a writing career and a loving marriage with a heartbreaking complication. I won't say more about that story--you'll have to read the book to see how she navigates those waters and returns to Tanzania to marry Patrick. How she navigates the waters of telling the complex and fascinating story of her life in Africa is with tremendous skill and humor. She provides detailed descriptions of the sights and sounds of her new home. The reader is pulled into the setting and can easily imagine being present. She weaves in side stories about the local characters, about learning to be a step parent, about her husband raising a leopard cub and about trying to get the FBI to pay attention to suspicious activity in their neighborhood.

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