

Author's Biography - Stu Lloyd.

The short version of the story goes something like this...

Conceived in California, born in Zimbabwe, raised in South Africa, lived in Australia, worked in New Zealand, posted to Hong Kong, moved to Singapore, relocated to Australia. He has spent 1/3 of his life in Africa, 1/3 in Asia and 1/3 in Australia. He can't account for the rest of his time!

But the longer version goes something like this...

Born in 1962, to parents whose forebears had been part of Cecil Rhodes' initial exploration party that colonised Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). He attended the same primary school as Wilbur Smith in South Africa. He has a degree in Psychology and Mass Communication and a Diploma in Travel Photojournalism.

Like Salman Rushdie, Bryce Courtenay, Peter Carey, and Peter Mayle, Stu started his career in advertising copywriting. He ultimately spent over 16 years in advertising, building up and subsequently selling off his own ad agency to a multinational at the age of just 34.

Stu is a full-time author and lives in Sydney, Australia. Apart from writing on colonial history and subcultures, he also pursues travel photojournalism (30 countries and counting!). His books include the best-selling 'HARDSHIP POSTING - Expats in Asia' series (50,000 copies in print) and 'HARE OF THE DOG - History, Humour and Hell-raising from the Hash House Harriers.'

Stu has a bulging press file, having appeared on TV (CNBC, ABN, TCS and Channel 10) numerous times, ABC Radio, as well as appearing in publications such as The Weekly Telegraph, The Sydney Morning Herald, Straits Times, Hong Kong Standard, and Bangkok Post on several occasions. Be warned: He is a lively and humorous interview subject!

He has been married since 1989 to Michelle, a Filipina. They have two children. Interests include antiques from Asia, sculptures from Africa, and art from Polynesia.

His hobbies include karate and lawn-bowls (although he's arguably more dangerous at the latter!)

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