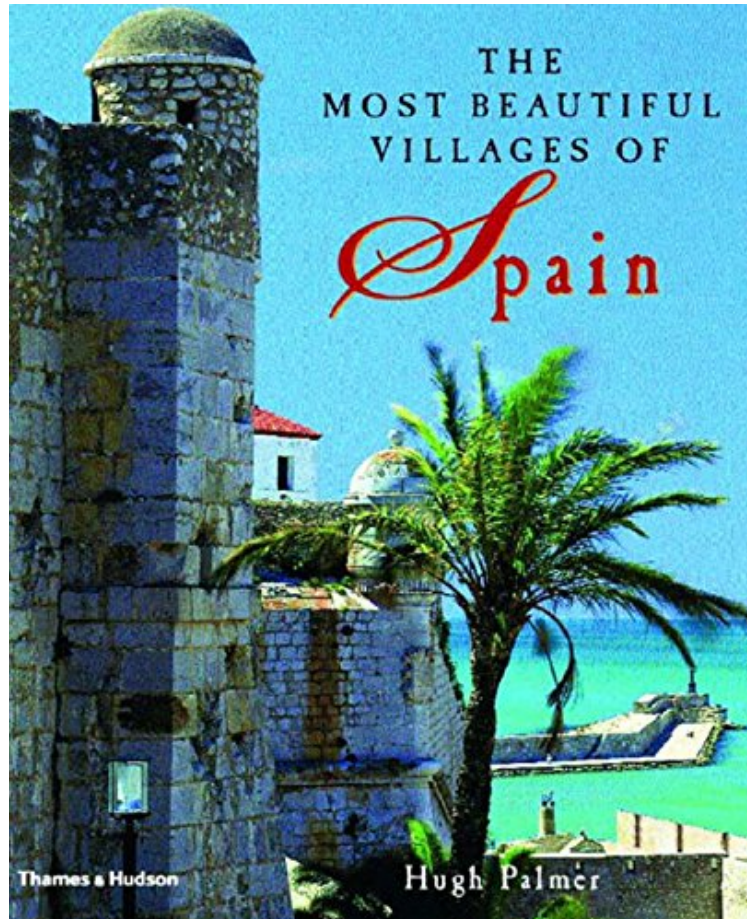


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Far from the beaches of Spain's Mediterranean coast, there lies a land of quiet backwaters seemingly untouched by time. Traditional architecture, as well as dramatic natural settings of which the buildings often seem to be an organic part, mark these places as being among the most unspoiled in Europe. Profiles of over 30 village gems make up the four main sections of this book. From Galicia to the Basque country in the north lie picturesque fishing villages. Patient exploration of the heart of the country reveals such delights as Pedraza's arcaded square seen against a backdrop of snow-capped mountains. In the east, the whitewashed houses of Cadaques have become famous as an artists' colony, while El Palmar is renowned for its paella. And in the villages of Andalucia, like Medina Sidonia, are the remains of the Moorish civilization of southern Spain. Like all the volumes in this series, "The Most Beautiful Villages of Spain" is completed by listings of places to stay and eat, and sights to visit.

From Publishers Weekly Aside from Seville's storybook cobblestone streets and Barcelona's fantastical architecture, Spain is home to countless romantic, vibrant villages. This pretty volume showcases over 30 of them, from eastern Spain, Andaluca, northern Spain and central Spain. Rural Spain's riches range from 17th-century towers (as in the Andalusian village of Medina Sidonia) to walled cities like Albarracn in the eastern part of the country. Palmer, whose photographs have enlivened other titles in the Most Beautiful Villages series, offers impressive shots capturing the villages' allure. Among the highlights are a photo of Platya S'aranella's sandy inlet, in which a black cat poses inside a chipped rowboat, and a view of Almonaster la Real, a secluded town near the Portuguese border which is shown nestled between woody brush and sweeping mountains. The color photos are accompanied by captions and brief essays on each village, and a short section on dining and accommodations in Spain concludes the book. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Hugh Palmer is one of the world's foremost photographers of rural life. His previous books include Garden Ornament and Water Garden (both published by Thames Hudson) and many titles in the Most Beautiful Villages series.