

**Lisbon, Jan 27, 2012.** Life is almost back to normal, now that the book project is over. Most importantly, I am once again looking at maps, thinking about journeys to still-foreign-to-me lands far beyond the horizon... Great!!! Let's see if the planets are finally aligned for my trip through the Balkans. On the domestic front, it has been back to one-day trips, either off-road on The Beast (my 4WD Nissan Patrol), or on The Mule (the 1200 GSA Beemer). Life could be a lot worse...

On the book front, I am happy! The people at Peres-SocTip (the printers) did a fantastic job, so the book looks great. Sales are moving along, somewhat surprisingly considering that I still need to solve the "distribution problem." This afternoon I will have my first quasi-public signing session (quasi because it will take place at the Embassy here in Lisbon, so I am not sure that it counts...) Let's see how things go!!!

Stay tuned. Until the next one. Jorge.