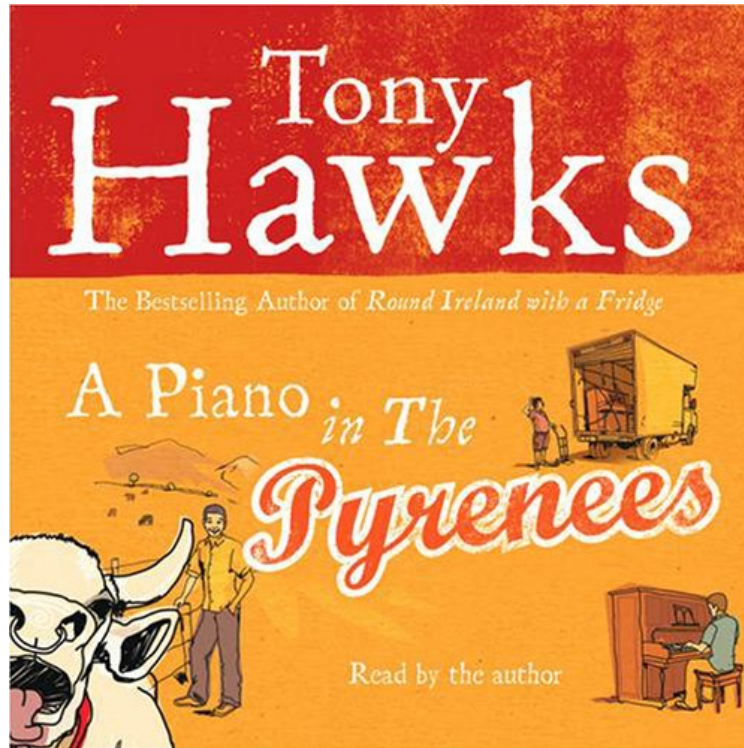


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Tony Hawks : A Piano in the Pyrenees before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Piano in the Pyrenees:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. very cuteBy C. P. AndersonAre you a Tony Hawks fan? His first two books were some of the funniest I've ever read. They were these crazy, laugh-out-loud things that both tied back to particularly insane bets - hitchhiking around Ireland with a mini-fridge in tow, and playing each member of the Moldovan soccer team at tennis.This one's quite different. All it's really about is Hawks' buying a vacation home in the French Pyrenees. It relates his adventures with moving, building a pool, putting up his friends, and fitting in and getting to know his (mostly French) neighbors.It's still very funny - just not quite as whacky as his first two. This one seems to be a little more mature than those, probably reflecting Hawks' entry into middle age. In fact, though the first two books did show some real depth and insight, this one showed a lot more. In that way, it kind of reminded me of - oh, say - the movie Four Weddings and a Funeral. There is, in fact, a funeral in a Piano in the Pyrenees, as well as two weddings.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. funBy AngelaThis is a fun, easy read. I like this author and will read more by him. I enjoy the telling of his days.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Dave HalpinExcellent read.

Inspired by breathtaking views and romantic fantasies of finding love in the mountains, Tony Hawks impulsively buys an idyllic house in the French Pyrenees. And here, he imagines, he will finally fulfill his childhood fantasy of mastering the piano, all the while overlooking spectacular views as the troubles of the world pass him by unnoticed. However, Tonys hopelessly ill-prepared stumbling into the world of overseas homeownership is perhaps best read as a

useful manual of how not to go about buying a house abroad. He flirts with the moving company in a disastrous attempt to take his piano over to France in a dodgy white van; foolishly attempts to build a swimming pool himself; and takes his experience of relationships to a new level when he finds himself cohabiting not with the expected beautiful French woman, but with his old buddy Ron the builder. Yet as Tony and his small group of friends haplessly attempt to integrate themselves into local village life, they learn more about themselves and each other than they ever thought possible.

"Massively funny." Booklist