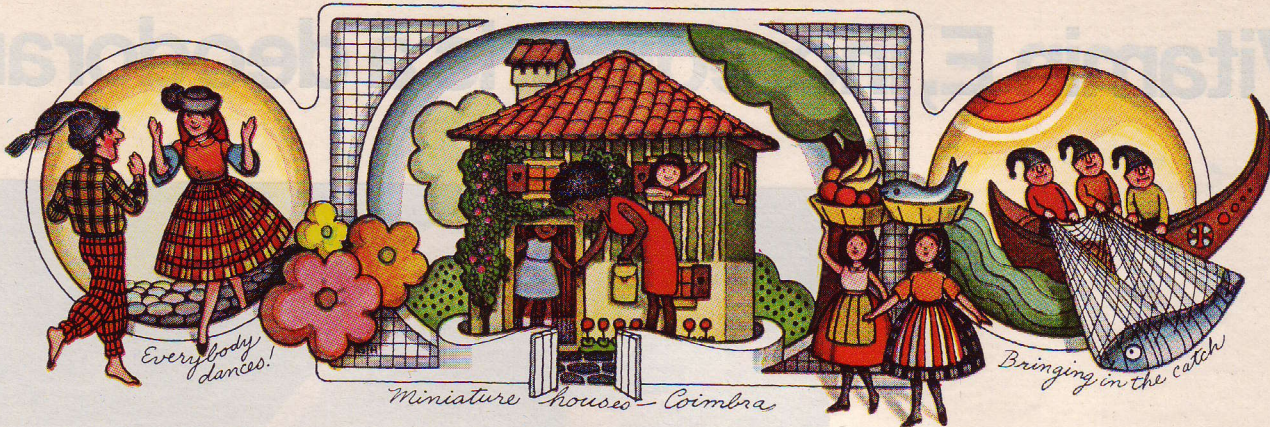


# BETSY McCALL WRITES FROM PORTUGAL



*Bom dia!* ("Good morning," in Portuguese). This very minute, my friend Drusilla Rose, Mrs. Rose and I are in Lisbon, under a 700-year-old cork tree, while Dr. Rose is at a world meeting of doctors in our hotel. We got up at dawn today to see a fish auction in the harbor. The boats were just coming in, but already people were clustered at the pier, waiting to bid for the catch. When they bought what they wanted, off they went, with the flat, enormous baskets on their heads filled with squirming fish. It seems to me the Portuguese use their heads more than their hands to carry all sorts of things, even FURNITURE, as easily as though it were a feather pillow. I saw a family with pots; pans, even bedding on their heads, going on a pilgrimage to Fátima, the holy city. Yesterday, we went to a famous fishing village, Nazaré, where the women wear seven petticoats and the men wear noisy colors and stocking caps. We saw men, women and OXEN drag the boats ashore! You see wonderful costumes and folk dancing all over Portugal. You can also see great, ancient cathedrals, dazzling with gold inside, and many covered with colored tiles outside. And fantastic palaces! What Dru and I loved best was a small village of miniature houses in Coimbra, one for each style of building in Portuguese provinces. Grown-ups bend in half to get inside, but they're just right for kids. And guess what! We may visit Madeira and the Canary Islands, if Dr. Rose has time! *Até logo* ("so long") and *Boa sorte* ("good luck"), Betsy.

*Minko*



*Nazaré*



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