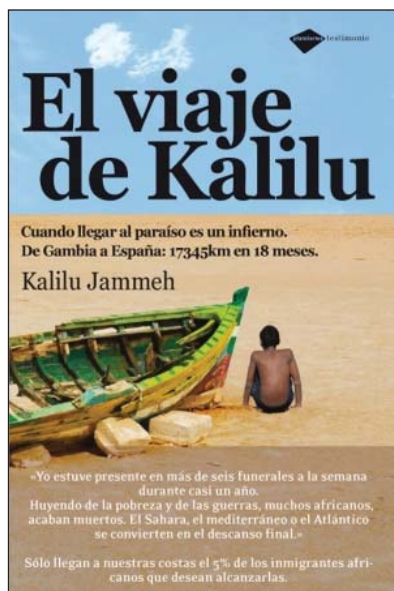


# Kalilu's journey

by Kalilu Jammeh



## KALILU'S JOURNEY

**WHEN GETTING TO PARADISE BECOMES HELL.  
FROM GAMBIA TO SPAIN: 17345 KM IN 18 MONTHS**

**BY KALILU JAMMEH**

200 pages

Testimony - Current Affairs

■ An African immigrant tells the story of his journey to reach Spain. Because crossing the sea is only the tip of the iceberg of the terrible trek to Europe.

### SYNOPSIS

Kalilu left Gambia with the idea of getting to Europe to find work, help his family and, even to study. At that time he didn't know that most of those who leave Africa never reach their destination. Neither do they return to their homelands. What happens along the way? This startling account brings home the fact that this odyssey is full of booby-traps, with small steps forward and frequent delays that finish with the few resources that the travellers have. But Kalilu does not give up despite the tiredness, the hunger and thirst that become chronic. Neither does the desperation that grows day by day with each false step, overcome him. Not even when he has to cross the Sahara on foot. His story, which keeps us on edge, right from the first pages, takes us into some of the lost cities and villages of the poorest continent. We get lost in the desert maze; a trial too hard for most of us.



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kalilu Jammeh (Jirong, Gambia, 1973), completed secondary school, worked in a hotel and set up his own business. In August, 2002, he began his journey to Europe. He got to Lanzarote in December, 2003, after an exhausting trek. He has founded the Save the Gambian Orphans association. He lives in Sant Pere de Ribes (Barcelona).

<http://savethegambianorphans.blogspot.com>