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at what makes the Estonians ESTONIAN

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**Hilary Bird, Lembit Opik, Ulvi Mustmaa : Xenophobe's Guide to the Estonians** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Xenophobe's Guide to the Estonians:

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By A Fan Entertaining read, with some good insights into Estonians as a whole (though based on a limited sample), but I was looking for more breadth and depth.

The roots of "Ootame, vaatame" "Let's wait and see," are embedded in the deepest chasm of the Estonian psyche because, for a very long time, the people had little choice to do anything else. This philosophy is a close relation to the Spanish mañana ("tomorrow"). The difference is that the languid Spanish are just deferring something. The pragmatic Estonians are not. They are waiting and seeing.

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