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Synopsis

Whether you have a trip to Iceland coming up and youÃ¢â ¬â„¢re not sure quite where to begin with the language, or you need to study Icelandic for any other reason, this guide will provide everything you need to make your trip to Iceland a comfortable one. With the most frequently heard Icelandic words and phrases, all grouped by topic, plus fascinating details about its culture make this book a must for any traveler to Iceland. But wait. There Ã¢â ¬â„¢s more! The menu has been laid out for easy, convenient navigation, and a mini English-to-Icelandic dictionary for quick reference on-the-fly has also been included. Learning Icelandic should be not only educational but also fun, and this guide was created to ensure that you appreciate the many facets of IcelandÃ¢â ¬â„¢s language and culture Ã¢â ¬â • even before you set foot in one of the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most beautiful nations.

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Customer Reviews

There’s a wide variety of phrases in this book, but I would have organized it a bit differently if I’d written it myself. Certain phrases were a bit difficult to locate, since they might be located in a different section than the one that makes most sense in my head.That, and while in Iceland, even when I tried to speak Icelandic, I couldn’t get anyone to speak Icelandic to me. Most people I talked to insisted on speaking English with me. I guess it makes sense, though. If I spoke such a beautiful language, I’d probably be upset if foreigners butchered the pronunciation all the time too, haha! So it sort of defeats the purpose of the book, unless you wear a sign around your neck asking people to

not speak English to you at all.There is some really great cultural information about the people, their history, and traditions, though. Overall, it’s a pretty good buy, and can’t hurt to have on hand, just in case.

Bought this book together with "Icelandic Vocabulary: Icelandic Language 101"Of the two, I found this book to be much more useful. It starts with a very helpful introduction to the Icelandic people, their culture and customs. Next a grammar and pronunciation guide, and then sections of various useful phrases (again with pronunciation guide, and of course English translation). Sections were divided into numbers, directions, phrases to use when shopping, dining, at the hotel or airport, and even some important phrases for emergency situations. There’s even a section on romantic phrases, but if you have young children you might not want them to read this part.If you only buy one book on the language, this is the one I’d buy. I referred to it a lot on my trip. And even though many if not most Icelanders are fluent in English, they always appreciate if we make the effort to say "Guden dag" or "Takk" every now and then.

In my personal opinion, this book is useful... BUT... some transliteration of the Icelandic words are not correct. For instance: on page 82, the English word "Child" is translated into Icelandic with "Barn" (correct), BUT the transliteration is not "Barn" (wrong) as written, but it should be rather "Bartn", because the pronounciation of the letters "RN" is "RTN

While this is a mostly helpful book, I found many typos, in both English and Icelandic throughout. It is not comprehensive, and surprisingly repetitive; the same phrases are repeated several times in different lessons - and even within the same lesson. Was disappointed I purchased this book. I could have done better printing out pages from the Internet.

Super book for those who are interested in the language or for those who are traveling to Iceland

Amazing, book really helps one learn.

Useless but amusing

Didn’t have too many phrases that I found to be useful. Yes, it had the typical "where’s the toilet" and "what is this" phrases. But I was looking for more. Not necessarily a "My hovercraft is full of

eels" type phrase but a variety to help with the not quite as common interactions.

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