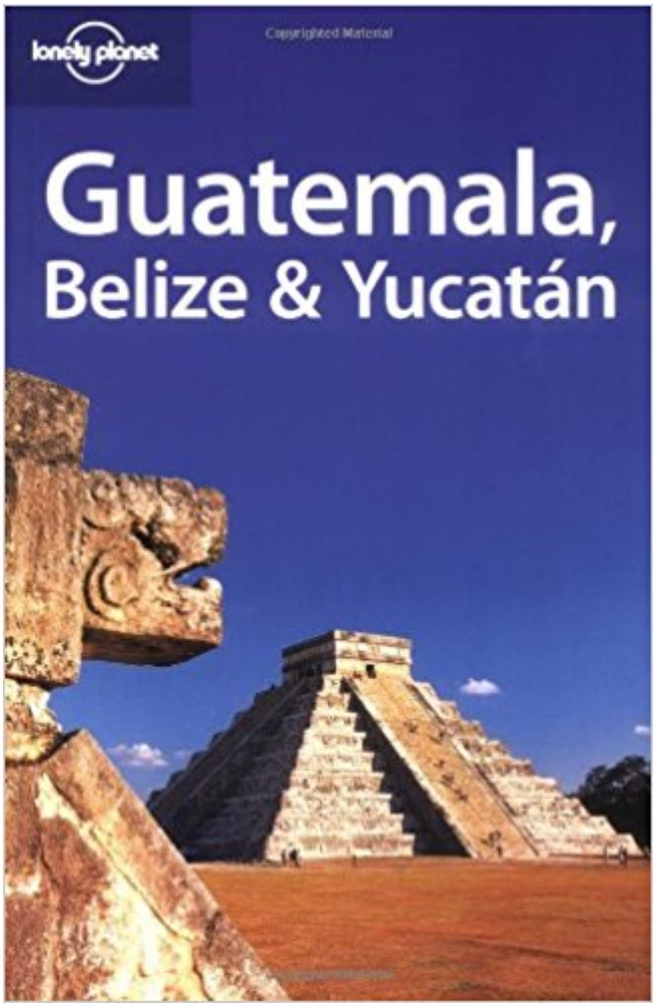
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Customer Reviews

Good basic guide to the region - check around for a newer edition.

I didn't think to check the publishing date of this item before I bought it - it's from 2004! Old information isn't very useful while you're travelling!

Lonely Planet guides are my favorite because they are thorough, informative, give lots of good info for reasonably priced traveling, and identify tons of both customary and adventurous things to do and see. This holds true for this edition however, I found that the prices were significantly higher than the book stated, the water taxi times had changed, and a car rental company mentioned did not have service in Belize-not too accurate.

Book was in excellent condition

This book is more than disappointing...I used to have a lot of respect for Lonely Planet, as they took pride in sharing information for the average traveler about places that were usually off the beaten

path.However, I did not realize that they have stopped actually visiting these destinations.I live on Caye Caulker, Belize.The NEW book, which is their first reprint in over 4 years...has not been updated. They mention a grocery store that has been closed since 1999. They mention a deli that has been closed since 2000. The do NOT mention one new business....besides one restaurant. It is obvious Lonely Planet did not send one writer to Caye Caulker, Belize.If they didn't take time to visit Caye Caulker ONCE in over 4 years, I can only assume the rest of the book is absolute garbage as well.For a real Travel Book for Belize, check out Rough Guide by Peter Eltringham. He actually sends scouts out to every location before he visits. He does this to ensure that every place has a fair shot...and that they write about a real experience, not one based on a hotel or restaurant putting on a show for a known writer. Peter's writers do not announce they are writers.That is what a real travel book should be.Lonely Planet needs to quit relying on their name to sell books. Their information is completely outdated, and not worth your money.Wendy Casson[...]

This Lonely Planet travel guide is valuable but flawed. Like the best Lonely Planet books, this November 2004 edition is concise, readable, and puts vital travel information at your fingertips. There's much information for budget travelers on local customs, possible hazards, changing currency, low-cost accommodations, transportation, getting to and from airports and bus terminals, etc. But this edition has a few weaknesses, which is not what you need when far from home. Several reviewers have noted that this guide has much out-of-date information on Belize. The book falls short in the maps department as well. A couple tiny maps could be added to show small towns near popular destinations to help travelers avoid getting off their bus at the wrong stop. The only map of Guatemala City doesn't show Zona 13 south of the airport where many hostels and cheap hotels are located. Also, the book warns about colder nights in the highlands but doesn't specify temperatures - a windbreaker was sufficient for a June visit.Lonely Planet is usually a top-notch choice for backpackers and budget travelers, but this one falls a bit short in some areas.

This is possibly the worst Lonely Planet guide I have encountered in 20 years of global travels, mainly using LPs. I bought this guide expecting it to deal with Belize thoroughly, as the title of the guide was "Belize, G and Y...

I recently traveled through Central America and southern Mexico for two months and found this book absolutely invaluable. I don't know how I would have managed without it. It provides good information on everything, especially on how to get from point A to point B. Before leaving for my

trip, I checked out a number of other guides, and none of them even came close to matching the usefulness of Lonely Planet. Almost all travelers in this region use Lonely Planet guides. I highly recommend this book.One other note: Let's Go Mexico and Let's Go Central America are both jokes. Let's Go Central America is so bad that I wouldn't even recommend flipping through it.

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