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The Book Of Everything: A Visual Guide To Travel And The World



Synopsis

Lonely Planet: The world's leading travel guide publisher*Want to know how to wear a kilt, kiss a stranger, prevent a hangover, get out of a sinking car, eat a lobster, greet an alien, predict the weather, play croquet and much, much more? The Book of Everthing has it all. Open the book! Dive in! We guarantee you'll learn something new. And, equipped for a world of smart, safe and exciting travel, you can use your witty know-how to make friends wherever you go. Authors: Written and researched by Lonely Planet, Nigel Holmes. About Lonely Planet: Started in 1973, Lonely Planet has become the world's leading travel guide publisher with guidebooks to every destination on the planet, as well as an award-winning website, a suite of mobile and digital travel products, and a dedicated traveller community. Lonely Planet's mission is to enable curious travellers to experience the world and to truly get to the heart of the places where they travel. TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards 2012 and 2013 winner in Favorite Travel Guide category' Lonely Planet guides are, quite simply, like no other.' - New York Times' Lonely Planet. It's on everyone's bookshelves; it's in every traveller's hands. It's on mobile phones. It's on the Internet. It's everywhere, and it's telling entire generations of people how to travel the world.' - Fairfax Media (Australia) *#1 in the world market share - source: Nielsen Bookscan. Australia, UK and USA. March 2012-January 2013

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Customer Reviews

About 50% of this guide was very helpful, with instructions on keeping your room safe from burglars, avoiding a crocodile attack, carrying an injured friend to safety, and more. Some information was interesting but not necessary for a vacation (such as finding a good diamond, knowing what

air-traffic control signals mean, etc), though it might be useful in other situations. Towards the end of the book especially, there is some cute but fairly useless information (i.e. what international flags would look like if the world were ruled by cats). Then there was some information which was questionable or, in one case, downright inaccurate. For example, there is a section on how to flirt (and ask for a one night stand) in multiple languages. I'm sure this is popular, but I think it should have been accompanied with a list of words for condom, the countries with the biggest AIDS epidemics, and the countries where premarital sex is illegal. The inaccurate section was the one on shark attacks. It lists bull sharks as being 7ft long, while in reality they are much bigger (and more dangerous than ANY other shark). This section was also poorly written. It says to attack a shark if it approaches you, but does not explain how to identify which sharks are, in fact, dangerous. It also advises bringing a spear gun on dives, and personally, I'd be more worried about getting shot in the leg by a first-time diver than being bitten by a shark. Finally, there were a few instructions in this book for things like CPR which should be learned IN PERSON. Overall, this is an okay book, a fun read, but I'd look elsewhere for a more detailed survival guide or a guide to a particular country.

Nigel Holmes is a supreme information graphics artist and his work has influenced many aspiring students throughout the world. This book succinctly demonstrates the 'art' of conveying ideas and information with style and imagination. I recommend that students and fellow professionals would gain a great deal of insight from his title.

Our entire family of 5, two adults and 3 teenagers, LOVES THIS BOOK. It has so many useful tidbits. From how to open a coconut to escaping from a sinking car. This is an excellent book to read just for fun and also learn a whole lot of really useful things. This book would be a great gift for anyone (Especially a teen that is hard to buy for!), an excellent coffee table book, or light reading for the 'necessary room'.

A good friend of mine, whom is always asking questions, loves to travel and I thought this would be a nice gift. He loved it! Some of the information, I thought, was common knowledge, but it was a nice visual presentation. While it isn't for seasoned or serious travelers, it is a nice table book for someone who wants to lounge on the sofa and daydream of trips across the oceans.

Not sure what to say other than I need to buy one for myself. I purchased it as a gift and my friend loved it (she's a traveler). An example of how cool it is: It has a US map with oddly named cities

from each state and you can even look up directions to get there. Great gift, and resource, for any traveler or wannabe.

"The Lonely Planet Book of Everything: A Visual Guide to Travel and the World" by Nigel Holmes is a wonderful travel book. This British contribution to the travel scene is not only filled with fascinating things to read on the airplane, train, ship, bus... It's loaded with truly helpful travel information like how to count to ten in 25 different languages (although an accompanying pronunciation guide would be particularly helpful), what bugs are safe to eat in the jungle and how to deliver a baby or perform a tracheotomy (can't wait to use this new knowledge). It may also be helpful to know how to avoid and survive shark attacks and quicksand. My only issue so far with the book is the tipping standard it presents. From the standpoint of a Las Vegas taxi cab driver, many of their fares are less than \$10, and a \$1.50 tip is sparse. When you consider that this person is wholly responsible for your physical safety, I think you should probably tip better than you would your waitress at Chili's. I do appreciate that the author states that the tipping standard is only a suggestion and you should check with locals for the correct percentage. Otherwise, this is a fun, informative guide that is both practical and entertaining with lots of colorful pictures.

Super fast delivery. Was a gift for a friend's boyfriend that I don't really know too well. He thought it was the coolest book ever. I scared through it and now want one for myself!! Kinda cool coffee table book!!

I got this book for someone as a graduation gift, but looked through it before wrapping it. The illustrations are fun and interesting and the topics are great! This would make a great coffee table book that would be a conversation starter. I would like to think it's a gift that someone would actually like to receive because I would!

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