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Man, I used this little book SO MUCH on my trip to Bali. I couldn't believe how little English was spoken. Every blog I read before going there said that English was widely spoken, but boy were they WRONG. All those blogs must have been written by people that stayed on resorts and never interacted with the locals. This book was priceless to me on my trip to Bali. I used it every day, sometimes so much that I just carried it in my hand instead of putting it in my purse. The very front of the book has some important phrases that you will use a lot, which is great, but even better was that the front also has room to notate other phrases that you use often that you can write in, such as "more strong/relax" for massages, "I'm just looking" for everyone that wants to sell you something every single minute of every day, and so many others. Indonesian is a ridiculously easy language to learn, but the nuance of the accent/dialect is very difficult and impossible to capture in a book. Even though I learned almost all the basics of the language in a week I was still not understood well and never quite got the hang out it. Fortunately the Balinese are very nice and helpful and loved that I put in the effort. So yes, I do recommend this book to all travelers to Indonesia. It's indispensable.

This is a great first introduction to Indonesian! I bought this before I traveled to Indonesia for a month-long stay. I had no prior exposure to Indonesian before this book and my travel, and though it is most helpful for traditional tourist travel, I still found it very useful! It is divided into logical sections, so you can read through the whole book, or just jump to the section that is most related to what you need to know right then. It's colorful and cleanly laid-out, allowing for easy navigation. Plus, it's small making it easy to throw in your bag without taking up much space (or weight)! If you are looking for an introductory book I would highly recommend this one!

Having lived in Sumatra many years ago, I have forgotten all the Bahasa I had learned. This isn't a Rosetta Stone, but it is very concise with pronunciation and explaining how idioms translate so you won't sound like an idiot. The phrase section is typical in helping as a tourist, the dictionary has most of what you would need. I do recommend this, I bought it in paperback, so it is easy to carry and look things up.

This is a typical pocket-sized phrasebook, and can help one travel in Indonesia - though there are local dialects and slang - even in Jakarta. Indonesian love for a word made out of other words to sum up one idea should be added (MoNas or JaBoTaBek being two examples). It has the necessary lists of numbers, pronunciation tips, food, key phrases and situations, etc. I would suggest this plus the green "Instant Indonesian" pocket-sized book that focuses on 10 words 1-by-1 at a time with about 5-10 key phrase uses of each word and cultural explanation as a key way to get enough fast grasp to get you started.

I liked this little book a lot, I bought it right before going to Sumatra, mostly because it was small and I didn't have a lot of luggage room. It proved unbelievably useful. I went on a boat for several weeks and the crew didn't speak English. With this book I was able to communicate with them, the basics of course. I feel like I learned a lot of words. They themselves also liked it a lot too since it contains an Indonesian to English dictionary in the back. Anyway, at the end of my trip I left it with the crew. They were using it to learn English.

I'm sorry to report that you should not trust this book for quality translations. If you are a tourist just trying to be understood, sure you can speak the phrases provided here and get your point across. But I asked some members of my Indonesian family (who live in Jakarta) about the translations in the book, and they called them "awkward," "too formal," and "a bit wrong." So if you want to LEARN Indonesian from this book, or learn proper ways to say things, do not buy.

Like all Lonely Planet phrasebooks, this contains a section on grammar/sentence structure, a section that groups useful phrases by subject matter, and a brief English/Indonesian dictionary. It was very useful for travelling.

Makes getting around much easier. Easy to find what you are looking for based on the way the book is set up.

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