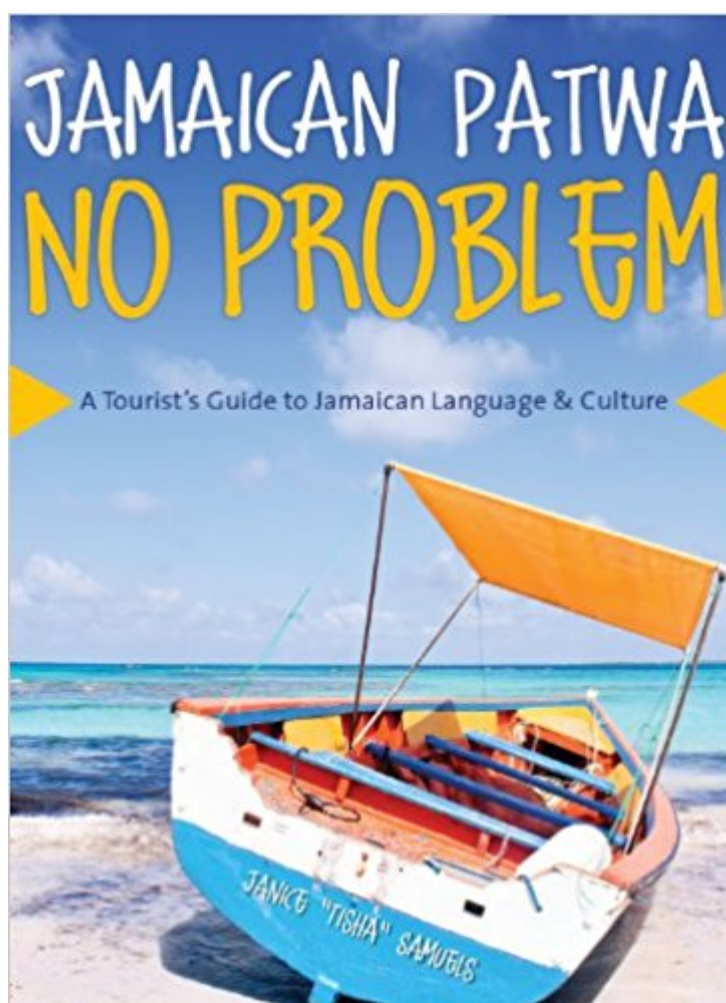


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# Jamaican Patwa No Problem: A Tourist's Guide To Jamaican Language And Culture



## Synopsis

In *Jamaican Patwa No Problem: A Tourist's Guide to Jamaican Language and Culture*, the lilting language of Jamaica's roots and its unique culture are presented for the first time as an audio CD and booklet. So now you can listen and learn patois (English) or patwa (Jamaican English) from the very tongue of Jamaican people, experience the culture of the island through passed down stories and legends, and access Jamaica's exotic richness with detailed descriptions and full-color photos of its unusual dishes and native fruits and vegetables. Lively up yourself and get a true view of Jamaica with this CD and booklet that not only offers a broad understanding of this much sought after tropical vacation destination, but a selection of musical instrumentals that represent Jamaica's well-known roots reggae, dancehall, and steel pan rhythms.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Janice Tisha Samuels is a writer and educator who has combined her love and knowledge of both Jamaica and the United States into a travel guide and audio CD designed for English speaking people who would like to become familiar with Jamaica and its language. Janice Tisha's collaborative work with her students at Saint Augustine's College on the research project *The Struggle Between Culture and Literacy for African Americans in Academia* established a passion for further linguistic and cultural research pertaining to people of color and sparked the inspiration for her non-fiction project, *Jamaican Patwa No Problem*. She is currently finishing up work on her stage play *Fly, Yellow Bird* and beginning the writing process for a feature film set in Jamaica and a follow-up to her first collection of poetry, *Soul Fire*.

The book and CD take you into a place to better understand Patwa (Patos), Jamaican, an English-lexified creole language. The phrases can sometimes be understood because they are similar to English phrases, but other times they are tricky to make outsiders unable to understand quickly what is being said, and that can be used by the speaker as an advantage. I enjoyed the book and the CD, I would purchase from this seller again, as the book arrived promptly and in great condition.

We have been to Jamaica years in a row. This CD is going to help me understand more of what is going on around us. I believe that if one is going to be apart of a culture one should be able to speak it a little bit.

I actually bought this book for comedy value as many of my friends are Jamaican and I wanted to impress them with my Patwa lingo. I achieved my goal in making my friends laugh, but this little book is full of interesting and useful information about the Jamaican culture. I have to admit I have never been to the Caribbean, let alone Jamaica, but I can see now that the little island has rich heritage and culture. If you want to really learn about Jamaica, then this is your book!

Even though on my first trip to Jamaica I had dreadlocks, the second trip I felt more at home with the review of this book, without the dreads and no I am not Jamaican. It was very useful and made my trip more comfortable outside of the resort and even communicating with the employees of the resort. Everyone that is going to Jamaica, without a personal guide of a native, this is the best thing to help you blend in. The imagery is amazing, the base knowledge was simple but exciting. This is a must have.

Simply delightful! I've traveled to many countries, purchasing countless language books and travel guides along the way, and this is by far the best I've ever encountered. Patwa No Problem is well thought out and full of amazing linguist and cultural information. It's also extremely easy to use and most of all fun, which makes learning "no problem"! The author truly captured the heart and joyful spirit of Jamaica.

This is easily one of the most honest and creative ways to have gone about making a vacation guide. Not only are some spots recommended that are out of the average tourists itinerary, beginning conversational patwa is learned through the booklet and audio cd. Adding common

dishes native to Jamaica, and you have an all inclusive package that truly readies you to experience Jamaica for all it's worth.

We had a good time with this book/CD combo. Hearing the spoken pawtwa then the translations really helped us understand folks in Jamaica. We even downloaded it to the mp3 player to listen to while we were there for 2 weeks. I could even understand some of the reggae lyrics better. (When we got back, we gave it to another couple as a honeymoon gift, as they were heading there in a few weeks!)

I got this book/audio because i was planning to go to jamaica to visit distant relatives and i am terrible at understanding them being american. I had fun with the CD listening in the car and talking to myself. I even had some friends over one evening, put in on to show them what i had newly acquired and we had a patwa party! we really butchered it but ultimately i am hoping to understand my family better.

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