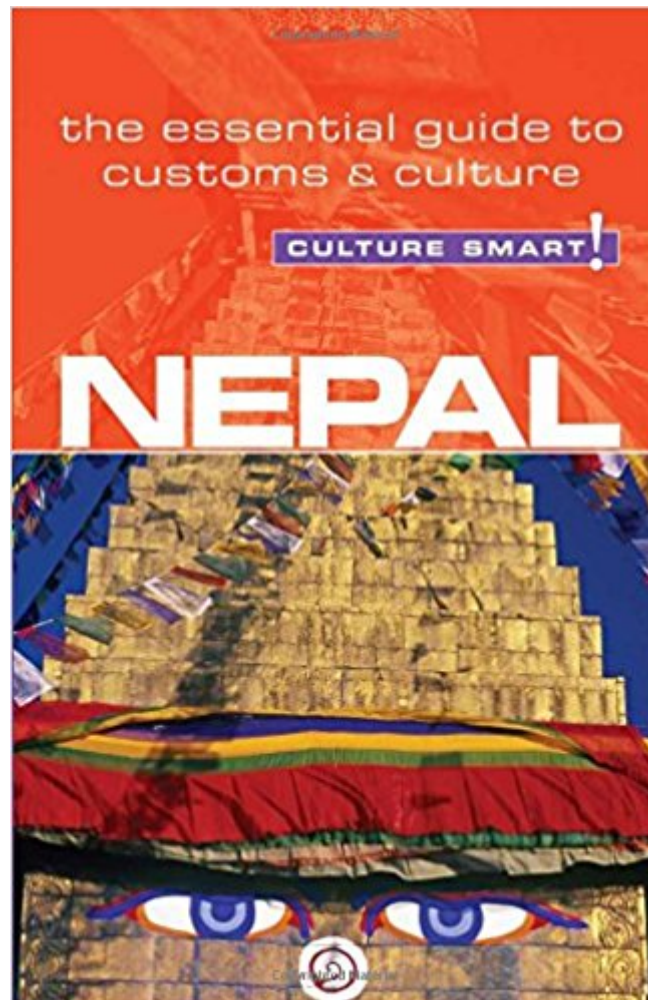


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Synopsis

Culture Smart! provides essential information on attitudes, beliefs and behavior in different countries, ensuring that you arrive at your destination aware of basic manners, common courtesies, and sensitive issues. These concise guides tell you what to expect, how to behave, and how to establish a rapport with your hosts. This inside knowledge will enable you to steer clear of embarrassing gaffes and mistakes, feel confident in unfamiliar situations, and develop trust, friendships, and successful business relationships. Culture Smart! offers illuminating insights into the culture and society of a particular country. It will help you to turn your visit-whether on business or for pleasure-into a memorable and enriching experience. Contents include: * customs, values, and traditions * historical, religious, and political background * life at home * leisure, social, and cultural life * eating and drinking * do's, don'ts, and taboos * business practices * communication, spoken and unspoken

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Customer Reviews

"Culture Smart has come to the rescue of hapless travellers." *Sunday Times Travel*

Tessa Feller studied German and Spanish at Edinburgh University before training as a teacher and translator. She has worked in several countries, including Austria, Russia, and Germany, where she is now based. She lived in Nepal from 2002 to 2004, when her husband was posted there with the German Development Service (Deutscher Entwicklungsdienst). Her youngest son was born in

Kathmandu.

I bought this guide for my first trip to Nepal and found it quite useful. Being culturally sensitive while travelling is a concern of mine, and as I was staying in Nepal for a while, I wanted to have a background in Nepali customs and cultural norms. If you are unfamiliar with Nepali culture, I recommend picking this book up-- there is a lot to learn. I must add however, that during the three years I have been visiting Nepal, a lot has changed, and some aspects of the culture are becoming more Westernized (women's clothing lengths in particular)-- though mostly in Kathmandu.

I really enjoyed this book, I have lived most of my childhood in Nepal and I can say that it kept me interested and riveted. I loved reading more about the culture of Nepal and things that I didn't know. It will be of great help to anyone who is looking to move to Nepal, good buy please read from cover to cover it is useful. Nepal is a beautiful country please don't compare it, take the country for what it is and judge it on its own merits.

I really enjoyed this book as it gave a good insight into life and culture in Nepal. It is easy to read and I found it very helpful with the insights into everyday life, traditions, values and attitudes of the Nepalese people. It is a very practical book and covers a diverse range of topics giving the reader a depth of understanding of the values, history and respect for the Nepalese people together with descriptions of the varied landscape.

Excellent primer. Covers a breadth of subjects just deep enough. Easy and fascinating read.

I read this book before coming to live in Nepal for 2 years. I brought the book along with me for referencing. However, I would have to say that the book is best used by tourists because it only runs through the basics. If you know nothing about Nepal and you want a beginners guide, then this may be perfect for you, but if you're going to be spending more time in Nepal and need to better understand of the culture, I would suggest something more in depth. While it wasn't a bad overview, I have two main problems with it...1.) When we buy a book like this we're looking for generalizations, semi-truths that will help us acclimate to an unfamiliar culture. There is nothing inherently wrong with that, however, some of the generalizations made in the book are regional or sub-culture specific. In Nepal, daily life in Kathmandu is a stark contrast to the country side, and the tourist areas seem to be almost a country unto themselves. Many of the generalizations she made may

have been truer for the country side than the city.2.) Frankly, there are some aspects of the book that I simply felt she was mistaken about. If you're going to be spending a short time here it's nothing you really need to worry about, but I do want to mention it. One example of this is her mention of drug use in Nepal. While there is by no means a country wide epidemic of drug use, there is a significant problem amongst young people in poverty situations in the city, and some studies have indicated that marihuana use (apart from more extreme drugs) is actually quite common amongst young people in the city and larger Nepalese towns. I felt she may have been misleading about this by downplaying it and saying that Nepali people don't really do drugs, or that marihuana is only used for traditional, religious purposes only. This is not exactly the case.

MISSIONARIES: This is not the book for you. While there are some missionaries who do a lot of research about Nepal before coming, most of you don't seem to. Many of you know very little about the culture beforehand, and some of you seem to be entirely misinformed. If you're going to be going to another country that you know little about, and you're going to be trying to alter an important aspect of their culture, maybe you should be doing a lot more in-depth research than this little beginner's book. I should mention that there were a lot of little helpful facts in this book, it's extremely well organized, and is very easy to read, so I would suggest it to any tourist spending a short period of time in Nepal.

Very informative as a general overview of Nepal. It is a little out-of-date as there is a new constitution now so the government seems more stable. This book would be helpful for tourists as it has suggestions regarding appropriate behavior.

I felt like highlighting practically every sentence. This book is just packed with valuable information. If you're planning a trip to Nepal, or just interested in learning about the culture, this is a quick and easy read to get you acquainted.

As an elderly female solo traveller who choses unlikely places for the next adventure, this is a wonderful book. Nepal was not on my "bucket list" but I'm ready to go.

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