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Customer Reviews

This little book is terrific on many levels. It gets right down to teaching Irish "versions" of English words/phrases; so before you have to actually learn Gaelic (not an easy task), you can become conversant with the Irish way of speaking English - a way to get your foot in the door (of a pub, for instance). Of the 4 learning guides to Irish which I have purchased so far, I've found this to be the easiest, and by far the most fun to read. It's very informative regarding the culture of "the Old Country."

I am going to Ireland and wanted to know as much about the country before arriving there - fun facts and history both. At our group meeting the travel agent laughed and asked if someone had loaned the book to me. I replied that I bought it. he laughed again and said that they had purchased this same book for everyone going to Ireland on the previous trip 2 years ago. I have heard my father (of Irish decent) say some of the phrases that are in this book.

We saw (an older version of?) this book at a B & B where we stayed in Doolin, Ireland. Giggles, guffaws, and lots of laughs! We did, indeed, hear many of the words and phrases over the 2 weeks we were there. This is a delightful, funny introduction to Ireland, in sharp contrast to reading about the struggles of the Irish over hundreds of years. They are a strong, resilient people, indeed.

I was expecting a book on the Irish language, but it is a book on English as the Irish speak it. It is very interesting nonetheless. I think the historian or cultural expert the writer consulted may not be quite up to par in the history section. Found a few statements that are inaccurate. Otherwise, it is an amusing read with lots of trivia.

Entertaining and helpful read and I definitely will bring this wee book to Ireland with me!

Loads of fun! I am enjoying this little book.

This book is AMAZING! It's informational while still being comedic. Because of its charm and all around humor, I would definitely give this book five stars!

Interesting book about Irish language and culture. Some of the phrases are hilarious, and generally the book gives you a nice portrait of Irish life and customs. Not a thorough beginners language

course, but it does cover the basics. Recommended

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