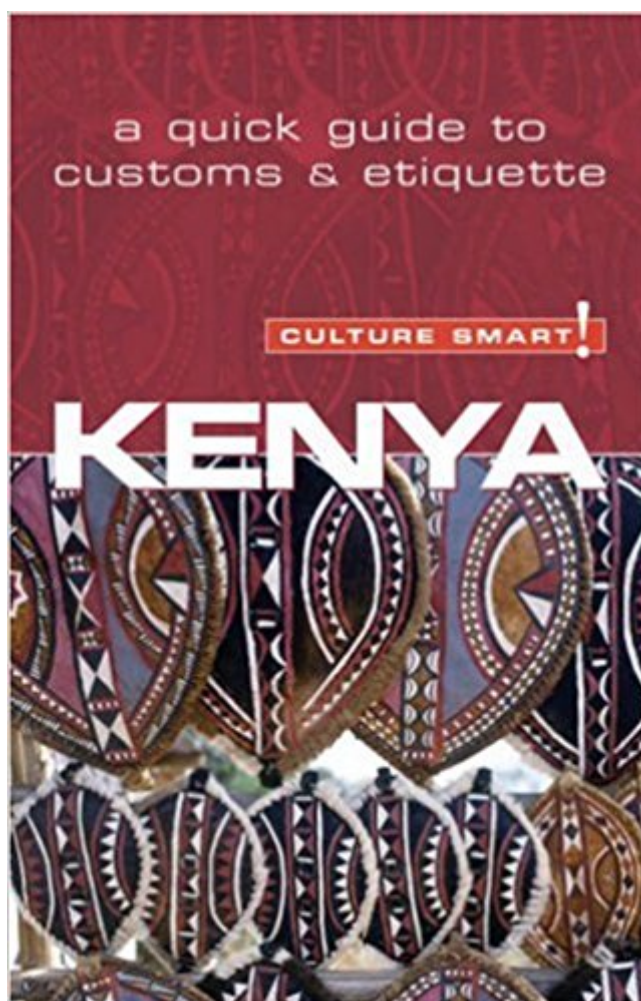


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The entire "Culture Smart" series of books about various nations has long been one to consider seriously. Like this specific text about Kenya, there are sections in each about the history, the geography, the people, and many of the most important cultural peculiarities of those residents of the country. Jane Barsby, the author of "Kenya," a longtime resident of that nation herself, has done an excellent job of "touching all the bases" and has done so in a well-written and clearly discussed text, one to savor and enjoy. There is, however, a huge "problem" with this text: It is now badly outdated and desperately in need of revision, especially in regard to the politics and/or history of Kenya. For instance, this volume, published as it was in 2007, has, of course, no mention of Kenya's new constitution and that, alone, is a great drawback. Hopefully, especially after the upcoming presidential election in March 2013, the first after the ratification of the new constitution, Barsby will write and get into print a second edition. If so, a new review will almost certainly be a 5-star one.

This is the second 'Culture Smart!' book I've bought and once again, I was highly entertained! They are well organized, witty, and yet terribly informative on so many pertinent aspects of Kenyan culture. I showed this one off to two Kenyan friends and they couldn't put it down. Of course, not all Kenyan's can be characterized by the information in this little book (you can read it front to back in an hour or two), but they definitely confirmed some major points. I highly recommend this book if you will travel to Kenya, or know a Kenyan closely. It will give you plenty to talk about.

I found this guide easy to read and well organized. I have several other resources to get through, but this was a helpful overview, with lots of very detailed info about dealing with the Kenyan people in many circumstances. I'm hopeful I'll remember these relevant tips!

I just read this guide before my recent trip to Kenya. This was my second trip to Kenya and I read this as a quick refresher before returning. It is a quick and easy read and is pretty accurate and covers the basics any visitor should know before going. It could use an update, but is still a good introduction for anyone new to Kenya. I recommend this book and Kenya itself, it's a wonderful country!

I have a fair amount of experience working and traveling in Kenya, and I think the author has hit all the main issues a visitor should be aware of. It's not hard to get along in Kenya as long as one doesn't try to push western standards onto everything that occurs. This book will speed up the adjustment for anyone wanting to spend some time in one of the most beautiful and challenging countries on earth.

I have made over 35 trips to this amazing, and ever intriguing country. Yet I learned some new things in this guide. If that is true for some one like me, I think it would be very valuable for a first time visitor

Fun...easy read...may or may not help you once you set foot on soil...but it's a conversation starter for sure.

Great book on Kenya. I just took a two week vacation to Kenya and I found this book to be very helpful in understanding the cultures.

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