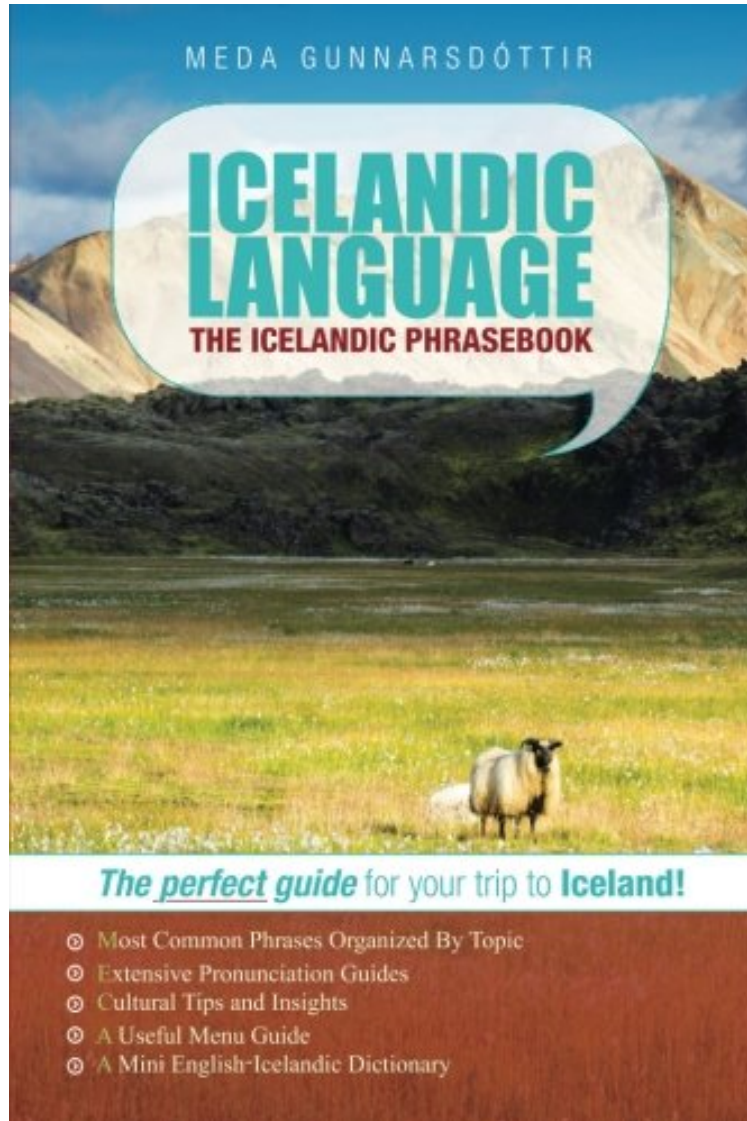


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I spoke such a beautiful language, I'd probably be upset if foreigners butchered the pronunciation all the time too, haha! So it sort of defeats the purpose of the book, unless you wear a sign around your neck asking people to not speak English to you at all. There is some really great cultural information about the people, their history, and traditions, though. Overall, it's a pretty good buy, and can't hurt to have on hand, just in case. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Extremely useful language guide for beginner or tourist. By G. Bought this book together with "Icelandic Vocabulary: Icelandic Language 101". Of the two, I found this book to be much more useful. It starts with a very helpful introduction to the Icelandic people, their culture and customs. Next a grammar and pronunciation guide, and then sections of various useful phrases (again with pronunciation guide, and of course English translation). Sections were divided into numbers, directions, phrases to use when shopping, dining, at the hotel or airport, and even some important phrases for emergency situations. There's even a section on romantic phrases, but if you have young children you might not want them to read this part. If you only buy one book on the language, this is the one I'd buy. I referred to it a lot on my trip. And even though many if not most Icelanders are fluent in English, they always appreciate if we make the effort to say "Guden dag" or "Takk" every now and then. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. this book is useful.. By Mario Valli. In my personal opinion, this book is useful... BUT... some transliteration of the Icelandic words are not correct. For instance: on page 82, the English word "Child" is translated into Icelandic with "Barn" (correct), BUT the transliteration is not "Barn" (wrong) as written, but it should be rather "Bartn", because the pronunciation of the letters "RN" is "RTN"; and (always on page 82), the English word "Climb" is translated into Icelandic with "Klifa" (correct), BUT the transliteration is not "Klifa" (wrong) as written, but it should be rather "Kliva", because the pronunciation of the consonant "F" between two vowels is "V". And so on... However, overall, I believe that the book is valid.

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