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Finnish Dictionary & Phrasebook: Finnish-English/English-Finnish (Hippocrene Dictionary & Phrasebooks)



Synopsis

This compact dictionary and phrasebook features a concise, easy-to-use grammar guide, a pronunciation table, and a handy reference section that provides the reader with the basics of the Finnish language. Also included is an introduction to the country's history as well as useful tips and practical information on how to navigate your way through the streets, shops and restaurants of Finland. The bilingual dictionary contains a modern, practice-oriented vocabulary. The phrasebook will help English speakers sort through the many situations encountered while travelling, such as finding transportation, booking hotel rooms, ordering at restaurants, visiting museums, and what to do in case of an emergency.

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Customer Reviews

I didn't expect for this book to be as amazing as it is. I have studied Finnish as a second language for a couple years now living in a very, very, small town where the Finns came to mine copper. My grandparents came from there and so being Finnish I've dreamed of going there and being able to speak properly. Even with proper classes and many books I have bought this one stands out the most. It has everything including a background of Finland and also the precise ways of adding the beginnings and endings which are VERY MANY for one word (the word Divine .. as "he is divine") has about 20 different ways to use it and when you become frustrated there is ALWAYS an incredible way they have of making it easier to understand. I can't say enough about it. You won't be disappointed and as a longer book instead of making it very wide - it fits quite perfectly anywhere

I place it. Purse, Laptop bag, Jacket pocket... everything. I'm delighted with the design of the book as well as the contents. You will not at ALL be disappointed I can assure you. Suukkoja ja haleja xo Kiiipis!(kisses and hugs xo Cheers!)** ENJOY!**~~ Holli

This is a great book. I took it with me to Finland and also did some studying before traveling to Helsinki and Oulu and Kemijärvi. If you can get your hands on this book it is well-written and has many useful phrases. The people I met were able to understand what I was saying...which goes a long way.

This is probably the best and most straightforward Finnish book I've come across with. Such a simplistic looking book but it covers a lot. I own 4 other Finnish books, this is the best one yet!

I love this book. It has an easy to use dictionary full of general, everyday words and useful phrases. It also has a grammar lesson in the beginning. For someone studying on their own in spare time or just starting out, it's awesome. Lots of words you use everyday and phrases as well. I do agree with the other reviewer, if you are in a college class or advanced and need to use words like, it's not the greatest.

This dictionary and phrasebook is undoubtedly helpful for an introduction to some common Finnish phrases and basics of the grammar, as well as some of the culture and history of Finland. However, in terms of being a usable dictionary, it is very lacking, both in terms of usable definitions and the amount of entries. Considering that the book is 200 pages, and a sizable portion of it is an introduction of the topics I have mentioned above, not to mention each page is very small, there are not a sufficient amount of entries in terms of a serious learner of this resource-scarce language. The brief entries are often a single word, rather than listing several uses or definitions of a word. There are only 5,000 entries, as pointed out on the back cover. Thorough language dictionaries of commonly learned languages often contain 50,000-100,000 entries, with a price not much more expensive than this. One positive is that the inflected forms are listed in parentheses (i.e., the stem of a word containing sound changes that occur before an ending can be attached), as the sound changes that occur in Finnish cannot always be predicted.

A great little must-have book if you are traveling to Finland or conversing with Finnish relatives from afar. Love this book!

This is one of the most helpful books I have found since deciding to learn the Finnish language.

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