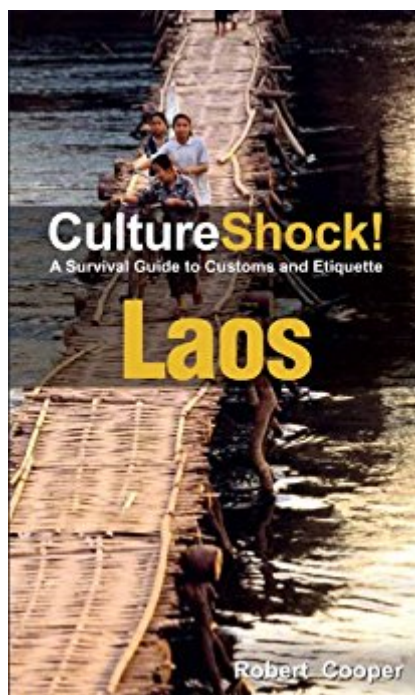


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Customer Reviews

I have bought several of these books to prepare for visiting other countries, and they are always spot on. If you enjoy knowing a bit of background before you travel, and don't want to be an ugly tourist, check these books. This one, on Laos, was a wealth of information on customs and beliefs.

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Lots of great information. Author covers all the necessary areas to help understand the Lao people and culture. Minimize culture shock by reading this book before you come to Laos

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This was a great read. It will make my time in Laos so much more interesting.

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