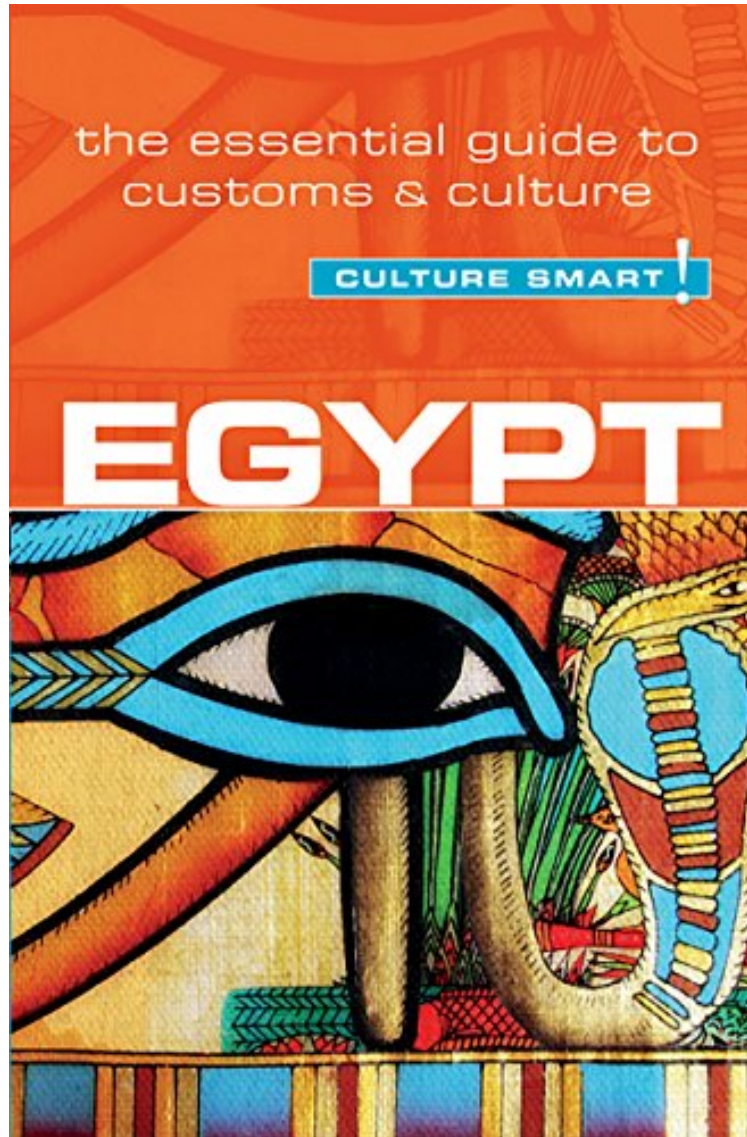


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and Attitudes3 - Customs and Traditions4 - Making Friends5 - Private and Family Life6 - Timeout7 - Travel, Health, and Safety8 - Business Briefing9 - CommunicatingAlthough a small, relatively brief book, I would recommend this to anyone visiting Egypt. It will make you aware of how things are there.I would also highly recommend Culture Shock: Egypt by Susan L. Wilson, which has even more dept and aspects covered. It was that book that I read before I went to Egypt the first time and that really helped me to open a window of the culture there.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. useful if a little dated due to the fast pace of changeBy C. D. VarnWhile necessarily focused on generalizations, this is quite a useful little book for getting a grip on the basics of what to expect culturally in Egypt. As an international school teacher who will be working in Egypt soon, it gave me a few ideas on how to best approach getting a grip on Egyptian culture and not offending my future hosts. The political information, however, is already out of date with the military retaking the government.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good travel resource.By Tish JohnsonGoing to Egypt soon and this gave me a lot of good information not available in the other guide books.

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Culture Smart! has come to the rescue of hapless travellers, Sunday Times Travel - ...the perfect introduction to the weird, wonderful and downright odd quirks and customs of various countries, Global Travel - ...full of fascinating, as well as common sense,About the AuthorJailan Zayan is a British national of Libyanandash;Egyptian origin. After graduating in law from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, she took up a career in journalism, working for several news organizations. She moved to Egypt in 2000, where she reported for and contributed articles to international and Middle Eastern publications about the Arab world. She is currently Deputy Bureau Chief in Cairo for Agence France-Presse.