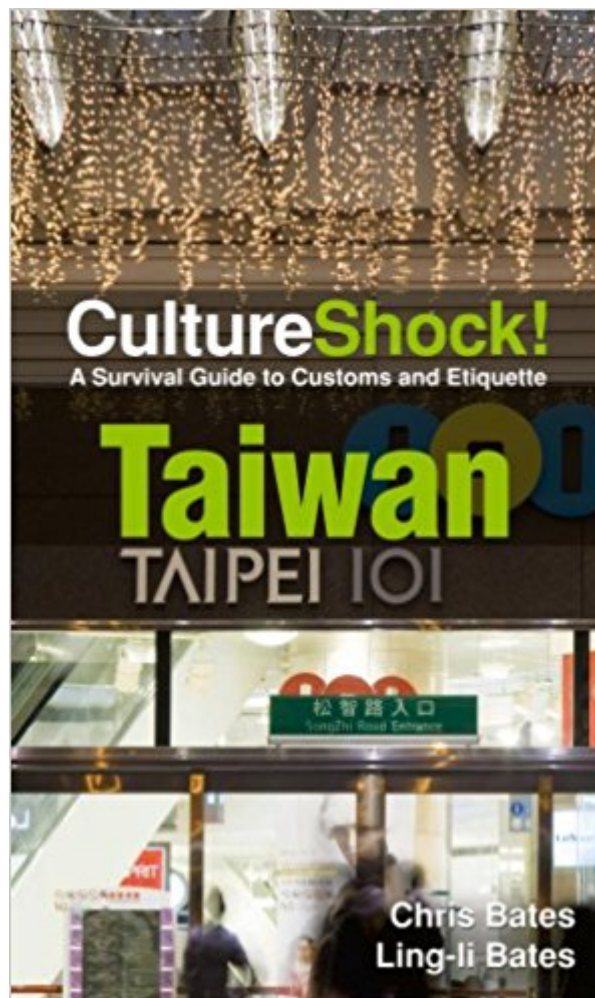




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Customer Reviews

Newly updated and redesigned in 2005! --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Chris Bates has been teaching a web programming course for several years to a large and diverse group of students during which he has created and refined the examples and exercises used in the book. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

There is some very good advice in this book regarding how to act in Taiwan culture. The sections on religious heritage are especially well done, and the influences of Confucianism and Chinese Buddhism were well covered. But the book is written by people who have lived in Taipei for many years, and they paint a picture of Taiwan people as somewhat selfish, rude to foreigners, and not very hospitable. They should come to Southern Taiwan! Just the OPPOSITE is true! The people welcome conversations, interaction and hosting of foreigners! They are very hospitable, often offering their homes to spend the night or to come for dinner. They always pay for the restaurant meals for their foreign guests. This book missed the point about that. Most Taiwanese people outside of Taipei are this way.

This book was by far the most informative book on Taiwanese culture I have read so far. Worth reading for anyone planning on living or working in this nation.

Echoing what a number of other reviewers have noted, the reality in Taiwan is substantially different than what is portrayed in this book. It may have been more accurate 30-40 years ago, but Taiwan has changed substantially (politically, economically, and socially) in the interim and either the authors have not bothered to update their experiences or they themselves are stuck in the past. I found little of value in it and my wife, a native of Taiwan, found it cartoonish, laughable and occasionally offensive.

This book was a great introduction to Taiwanese culture and what to expect when visiting Taiwan. I have read other books related to traveling and a lot of them lack the cultural depth and understanding. Culture Shock Taiwan gives a lot of information without being boring by adding a lot of personal touches. I really enjoyed reading about the culture and etiquette of Taiwan.

I've been reading a handful of books around Taiwan and China; relating to their history, business, traveling there, etc. This was a nice, concise, easy to read (especially skim) account of things. While it's not always on the mark 100%, I think it errs on the side of caution which I appreciate. A nice read.

I was disappointed by this edition of the Culture Shock series. Taiwan, as exotic a place as you can imagine, must be full of specific cultural behaviors. And the entire book only said to be alert and aware of them. There were no specifics. For those of us who are looking for specific do's and don'ts when traveling, this book was largely useless.

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I didn't like this book, we are planning to go to Taiwan to pick up or adopted daughter and I was hoping to learn about the culture to pass on to her. This did not have much about the family rituals and traditions and had a lot of business info instead.

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