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Synopsis

Dear Readers: Marlene and I would like to sincerely thank all who have bought our book, and we hope that it has been helpful to you in some way. We are in the process of making improvements to the book, taking in mind the feedback and suggestions made by readers. We have tried to make the book as accurate as possible reflecting Marlene's experience living in Havana. Even so, sometimes things get "lost in the translation" so to speak, regarding our collaboration as co-authors. For example, according to Marlene, Cubans don't typically use the word "marrÃ n" to refer to the color brown as in many Spanish-speaking countries (they prefer to say "carmelita" or perhaps "pardo". According to her, the word "marrÃ n" often meant purple or perhaps maroon or something similar, especially in older literature. I misinterpreted this information to understand that "marrÃ n" is the word that Cubans use to express the color purple. However, she clarified that the aforementioned term has become archaic, and the common way to express purple would be with the word "morado" or perhaps "violeta", the same as in other Spanish-speaking countries like Spain and Mexico. We apologize for any mistakes that may have occurred in the book, and we will try to correct them soon and also make other improvements. If you have any comments or suggestions feel free to write to me at daves.luton@yahoo.es This book can be useful to anyone who plans to travel to Cuba or who needs to speak Spanish with Cubans in other places. This book can also be useful to anyone who simply wants to learn Spanish, as Cuban Spanish only differs from standard Latin American Spanish in terms of some vocabulary. Even though this book can be very useful to tourists, it is not intended to be a tourist phrase book and contains no pictures or exercises. It is also not a dictionary, although it does contain a lot of basic and important vocabulary as well as a glossary of Cuban terms. This book is a collaborative effort by a native of Havana, Cuba (Marlene Herrera) and an experienced Spanish teacher (Dave Luton) and covers the following topics:1. Pronunciation, Accents and Stress2. Pronouns3. In the Classroom4. Greetings, Farewells, Polite Expressions5. People and Introductions6. Other Phrases and Asking for Help7. Countries, Languages and Cities of the World8. Telling Age9. Describing People and Clothing10. Numbers, Days and Dates11. Telling Time in Spanish12. Activities and Places13. Asking for Directions14. The Weather15. The Human Body16. Food, Drinks and the Kitchen17. Family, the Home, Animals and Nature18. Asking and Answering Questions19. Basic Grammar20. Important Words/Tricky Words21. Glossary Cuban Terms (English/Spanish)22. Glossary Cuban Terms (Spanish/English)

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Customer Reviews

First, it's not a convenient travel size - it's big - at least 9" high. I probably should have read the description to get the exact dimensions. As to the subject matter, there's nothing in here that isn't in a regular Spanish book other than about 60 words at the end which the author indicates are Cuba-specific, though last I checked, everyone in Mexico uses the word frijoles for beans. There's a whole section on "in the classroom", which seems completely pointless in this book, plus a huge listing of various occupations. The section on numbers is doubled up - he starts it in one area and lists numbers through 100, then about five pages later, he does the same thing except he goes up to million and adds in zero. Not a useful book at all.

I have a better understanding of "Cubano" Spanish because of this book. It is much more than a book that translates between Spanish and English.

A great book! Very thorough, covers even some more obscure items, explains usage. I highly recommend it. I only wish there were a traditional print version.

I had wanted more specifics related to Cuba.

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I would certainly recommend this book. Easy to find what you want to say for various occasions and different circumstances.

Worked Okay. Found the Cuban people very helpful listening to my H.S. Spanish so didn't need to refer to it much.

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