



through it, I put mine right back into the box. It was a total waste of money; it's not "damaged" or something other than described (a book) so I can't really return it, but I also cannot "gift" it because I cannot imagine anyone that would appreciate receiving it. I'm disappointed I fell for the product description and, as a result of this experience, leery about buying books online. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It helps satisfy the Nerd in me! By Tiffany May  
What a fun book! I love learning bits and pieces of various topics. First, it's just a fun thing to do to satisfy the "nerd" in me! Second, it really does help to connect with people from all different walks. It's also a great way to discover interests you may not have know about before without investing much time or money into it. Entertaining! Some of the info may be a bit off, but it's really fun if you don't take everything so seriously. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Amateurish but cute  
By Mary Esterhammer-Fic  
This is in kind of a non-category: it's a little bit informative and a little bit funny, but not too much of either. I don't know who would be an appropriate audience for this book, although the author is clever and the visuals are appealing. It's almost on a young adults level, except there's a section devoted to mixing cocktails. The topics covered are all interesting: beekeeping, how to participate in a Japanese tea ceremony, pearl diving, beer brewing, knot tying, and acupuncture, to name only a few. But there is so little actual information, these are merely snapshots. Take knot-tying, for instance: there are drawings of finished knots, but no step-by-step guide to learning some of the more basic ones. And it's interesting to read how honey is produced and harvested, and why bees are such an important component in our ecosystem, but then there's the section on how to bird watch. It's basically a picture with the advice to watch birds. Here's what I would have liked: leave out the fluff sections, like the part on bird watching. (Leave out, also, the snarky little How to be a Cat--which may have been intended as funny, but it wasn't very original.) Expand the treatments of other subjects to include information you can actually apply. The origami crane is a good example of this....more please! For instance, the dog-walking spread was a little too brief and didn't address any of the really practical concerns that dog-walkers should have, aside from the suggestion to clean up poop and start out with only one or two dogs. No, dog-walking is not rocket science, but a quick overview of the types of harnesses/collars and how to adjust them may help someone who wants to start doing this for exercise and extra money. There are other books out there that are very similar, but much better, than this. I think this has potential, but I don't know if I would recommend it. If I know anyone who has an interest in any of the topics in this book, I would give them something on that subject that is a little more detailed.

The follow-up to Lonely Planet's hit *The Book of Everything*, *Instant Expert* contains all that a world traveller needs to know. It's witty and full of brilliant illustrations of all types by noted infographics illustrator Nigel Holmes. Want to know how to dive for pearls, cure toothache, mix a mean cocktail and more? Be an instant expert in 100 occupations and equip yourself for a world of adventurous travel with this how-to handbook. About Lonely Planet: Started in 1973, Lonely Planet has become the world's leading travel guide publisher with guidebooks to every destination on the planet, as well as an award-winning website, a suite of mobile and digital travel products, and a dedicated traveller community. Lonely Planet's mission is to enable curious travellers to experience the world and to truly get to the heart of the places they find themselves in. TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards 2012 winner in Favorite Travel Guide category 'Lonely Planet guides are, quite simply, like no other.' - New York Times 'Lonely Planet. It's on everyone's bookshelves; it's in every traveller's hands. It's on mobile phones. It's on the Internet. It's everywhere, and it's telling entire generations of people how to travel the world.' - Fairfax Media (Australia)

Delightful, application of sign-symbol illustrations and explanatory charts and graphics... In economical how-to steps, Holmes...clearly details almost any task you could imagine, from being a bouncer (or "crowd-controller") to panning for gold to building sand castles. Not everything is easy, but everything Holmes covers is fascinating.' (New York Times Book )  
*Instant Expert* is my new favorite book. Not a travel book per se, it invests at least two pages each to a slew of topics that can make you sound more educated... Written with a heavy dose of humor, the author quickly teaches you to be a flight attendant, an arthroscopic surgeon, a caber tosser, a book binder, a Japanese tea master, and a cat. Even if you have no inclination to be anything but what you are, this book is an entertaining and interesting read. You will learn something new, and be able to insert helpful tidbits of information into conversation at your next cocktail party or game night...*Instant Expert*...is worth every penny. Enjoy yourself and learn a lot by perusing this fun, useful reference book.' (GeekDad)