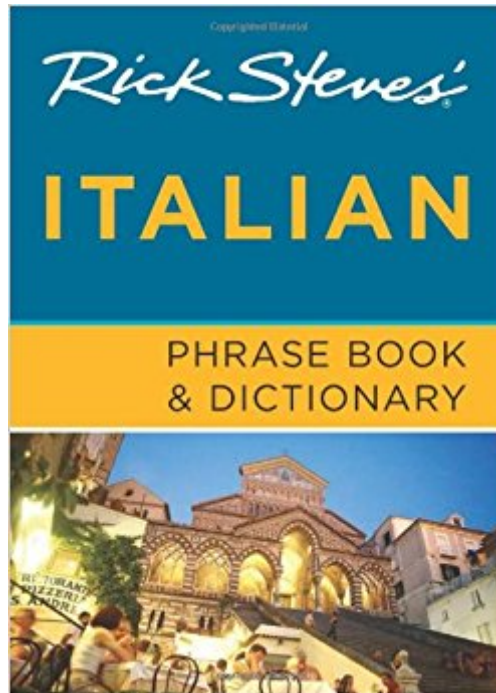




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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Rick Steves has spent 100 days every year since 1973 exploring Europe. Rick produces a public television series (Rick Steves' Europe), a public radio show (Travel with Rick Steves), and an app and podcast (Rick Steves Audio Europe); writes a bestselling series of guidebooks and a nationally syndicated newspaper column; organizes guided tours that take thousands of travelers to Europe annually; and offers an information-packed website (RickSteves.com). With the help of his hardworking staff of 80 at Europe Through the Back Door[®] in Edmonds, Washington, just north of Seattle[®]; Rick's mission is to make European travel fun, affordable, and culturally broadening for Americans.

This was very useful on our recent trip to Italy. We had both the Lonely Planet phrase book and this one with us, but this is the one we ended up using. We found it easier to navigate and more comprehensive than the other. It had more information and was organized more clearly than Lonely Planet. In particular, I thought the Rick Steve's pronunciation guide was easier to follow and got me closer to the correct pronunciation than the Lonely Planet book. However, what really tipped it over the edge was its section on health and medical care. My husband and I -- who travel frequently and rarely get sick -- contracted some kind of horrible flu/sinus infection/plague on the way out of Rome and needed to seek urgent medical consultation and care from a pharmacy on the Amalfi coast. The Rick Steves guide came to our rescue because it had more than three times the amount of health and medical vocabulary than the Lonely Planet book, which we desperately needed because we had a lot of specific symptoms to communicate and the pharmacist/doctor only spoke a few words of English. Thanks to Rick Steves, we were able to explain what was going on and get the right medical information (and medicine) to help us recover quickly. I don't know what we would have done if we had only had the Lonely Planet phrasebook to go on. We might have been given cough drops instead of antibiotics. If you are on the fence, this is the way to go.

I ordered the map, phrase book and tour book because our family is going to Italy in 2016. We haven't really used these items yet because it's a year away. However, I have paged through the phrase book and while trying to sound like I know what I'm saying with an Italian accent could probably get me arrested. I think all of these items will be very helpful but all of them combined are overwhelming. I don't want to spend my vacation looking things up in a book or on a map.

This book met expectations. It has all the basic phrases for getting around the country. I will see how it holds up when I travel.

Very helpful. Two other travelers in our group had the same book and others from his series. Rick helped me get my sandwich cut in half one day, order gelato and find bathrooms. I even used it at a restaurant when our translator was not available since my daughter is allergic to nuts. This book had the basics plus what was useful and I'm so glad I had it along on my recent trip. It fit perfectly in my fanny pack! Grazie!

It was impossible to find what you were looking for in a pinch and the dictionary part for words themselves was very limited. I'd recommend buying a more traditional English-Italian dictionary.

My mom and I went to Italy for two weeks and neither of us knew any Italian. This little phrase book helped us with simple conversation and asking for directions or where our hotel was located. This phrase book has everything you need to get yourself easily around Italy!!

Super great book! 100% recommend to anyone visiting Italy! This book was so helpful on our vacation!! The phrases are super useful and the book is divided into easy-to-use sections. I would recommend this book to anyone going on vacation in Europe!! Gives great do's and don't's for all parts of the region!!

I like this handy little book a lot. Especially the size of it.

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