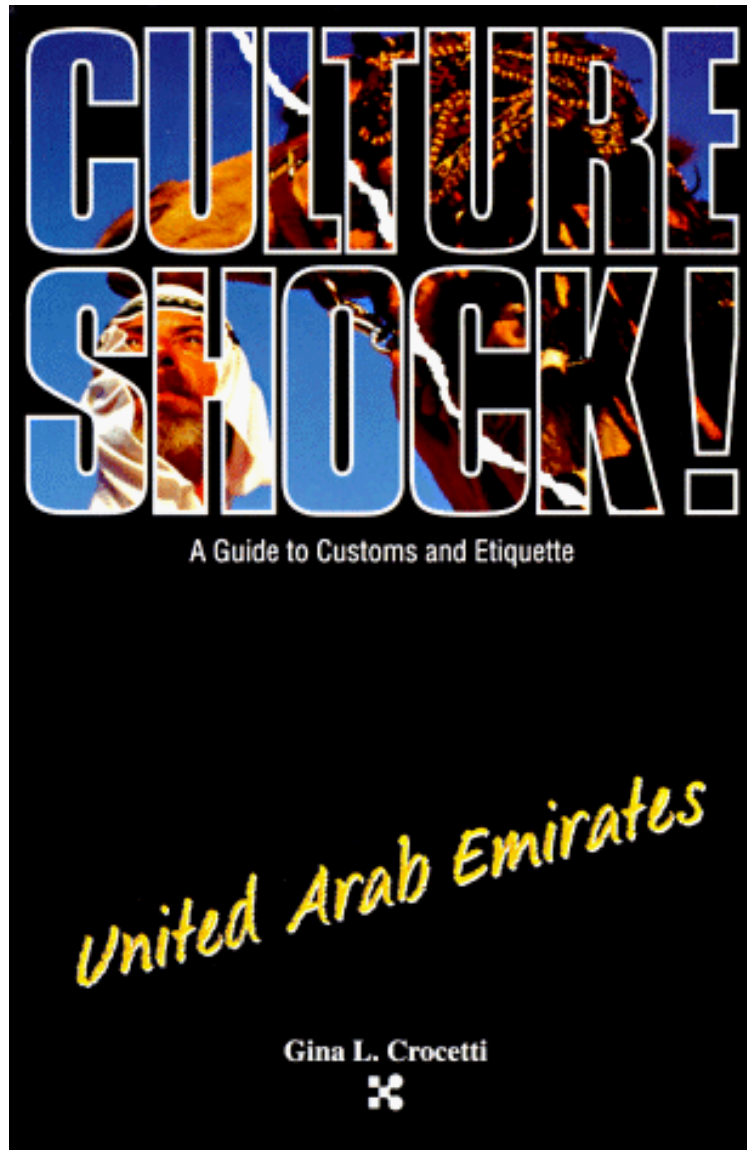


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Gina L Crocetti : Culture Shock! United Arab Emirates (Culture Shock! A Survival Guide to Customs Etiquette) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Culture Shock! United Arab Emirates (Culture Shock! A Survival Guide to Customs Etiquette):

22 of 25 people found the following review helpful. Worthy AttemptBy A Reader from Abu DhabiIn keeping with the

series title "Culture Shock", Gina Crocetti makes a worthy attempt to describe the multi-cultural society to be found in the UAE, yet leaves the longer-staying visitor areas that can be discovered or developed for himself or herself. Gina also manages to include aspects related to women not easily described from experience by male writers. As such, the book deserves to be read alongside those guides holding more factual and reference-type information. One or two items should be corrected - for example, "at least 3" cups of welcoming coffee should read "not more than 2 or 3". Also the "Do's and Don'ts" need to be separated - it's not always clear which is which ! In its second or third re-print from a 1996 edition, the book also needs updating for "current" information, since a lot of content appears dated. I would have been more impressed with Gina's research had reference to Dr. Frauke Heard-Bey, as a foremost published authority on the UAE's historical development, not included four mentions of "he" when Dr. Frauke is a woman. A source of excellent references can be found at the UAE National Library located at the Cultural Foundation in Abu Dhabi. The library is "lending" and has a special Gulf archive, which includes a historical summary of the development of Abu Dhabi by Clarence Mann, now long out of print. 13 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Author insight into the juxtaposition of cultures is superb. By A Customer Culture Shock! United Arab Emirates gave me a realistic view of what to expect from the many aspects of life in the UAE. Due to the large number of guest workers in the country, there are many cultural directions from which conflicts arise. Ms. Crocetti's insights into the juxtapositions of the many cultures and the overall flavor of the native culture influencing interactions prepared me well for my own interactions during my stay in the Emirates-both the good and the difficult. 10 of 13 people found the following review helpful. A compulsory complement to Emirates plane ticket. By A Customer This book should be the compulsory complement to the plane ticket to Dubai and to United Arab Emirates. There are a lot of things to know and to discover having the first cultural contact with those places and that population. Madam Crocetti has been able to concentrate an experience of living into few pages. Madam Crocetti gently introduce the occasional tourist and the becomer resident to the Emiratis culture and particularly to the Emiratis way of life. This guide is not only useful to avoid blunders very easy to do !, as I can state personally, but to find the proper way to live also and above all. Are you considering to spend an holiday at the Dubai beaches ? Are You going to be assigned to Dubai or Jebel Ali branch office ? First of all read this very nice, very sensitive "carnet" and then ... find your way to the people and to this country. Dr. Ezio Lucenti

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