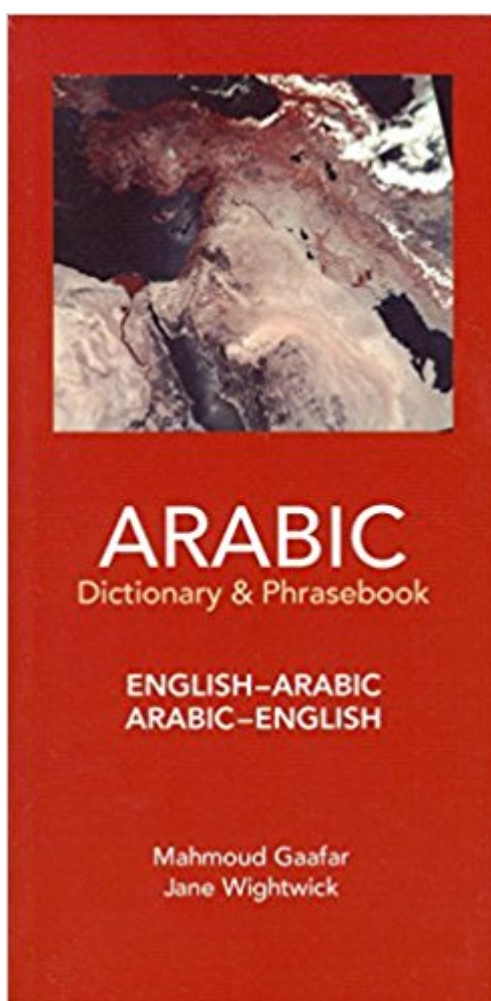




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Mahmoud Gaafar and Jane Wightwick are experienced writers, publishers, and educators specializing in accessible language guides and learning materials. Together, they have authored numerous titles, including Mastering Arabic 1 and 2, and Egyptian Arabic Dictionary & Phrasebook, also published by Hippocrene Books.

And I've looked. One of my chief complaints about phrasebooks is that they never have a very comprehensive dictionary section. This book has an excellent one. It also refrains from using the transliteration (the strange symbols one normally sees in such books), focusing on the arabic text itself. It also has a short section on grammar...not enough to make one an expert, but certainly

enough to get a basic handle on sentence structure, possessives, verbs, etc. I've used mine so much living in Saudi Arabia that I've had to get another. One of the best parts about it (while probably not intentional) is the extensive list of verbs in the Arabic section of the dictionary (3rd person masculine form). It's thorough, and gives one pretty much any verb needed. One minor complaint...It would be nice if it also listed colloquialisms next to the main form of the word. But, admittedly, it's just a small phrasebook...for that, one can buy any number of specific dialectal phrasebooks (e.g., Lonely Planet series). Overall, this is an excellent, comprehensive, yet compact resource. Any student of Arabic or anyone living and working in an Arabic speaking country would greatly benefit from having this book.

Nice, brief introduction to Arabic syntax and semantics. However, as a kindle reference it falls short of expectations. In particular, the English words are not easy to find. They are not indexed or electronically searchable. You have to start at the first word that begins with 'A' and hit next-page repeatedly until you find your word. That part is awful. With a proper table-of-contents and/or searchable words, this could be a useful kindle book.

I think this book was great for learning some basic arabic words and useful phrases. While it doesn't have a comprehensive section on writing and the alphabet, I don't recommend it for those who do not yet have a grasp on the alphabet. However, it is a great follow-up resource for those who have already learned the alphabet and want to expand their vocabulary. One more comment: in many beginners arabic books they have the vowel marks to help beginners to read easier and this one doesn't. Hard to explain, but it just emphasizes the fact that this may be a resource too advanced to the very beginners of the language.

This book is very helpful for learning how to write and pronounce common Arabic words. The book is also well organized therefore easy to find what you're looking for. I recommend it.

Good reference book for people traveling into Arabic speaking countries.

FABulous book for me who knows no arabic to try to convey words and ideas. It also has arabic to english so our friends can communicate with us and english to arabic so we can communicate to them. Love that it is all alphabetical. Easy to use.

I don't know since I had it sent to a friend being deployed to Ukraine. I just hope she gets SOME use out of it

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