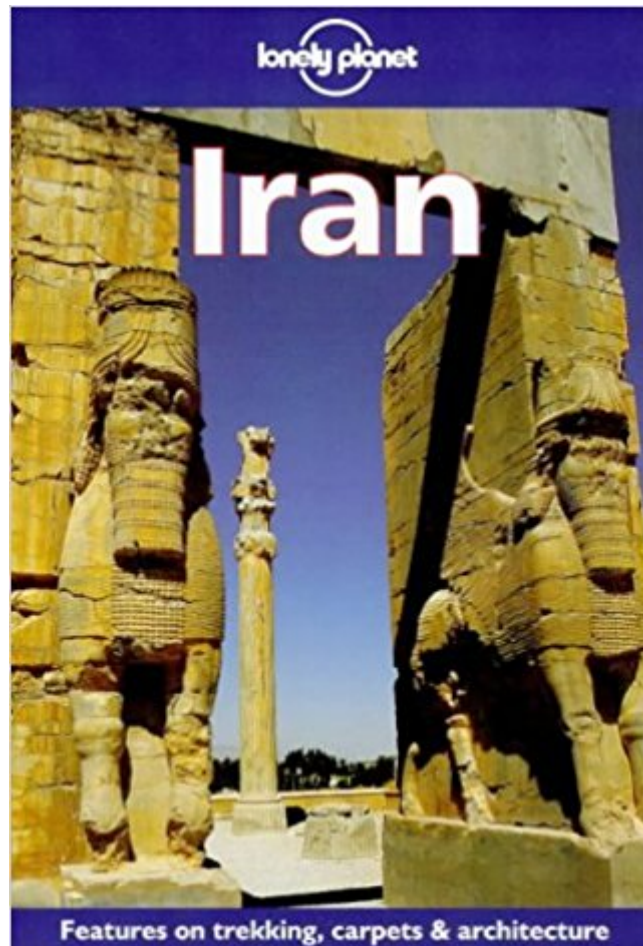




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writing is too small for me to read comfortably.

This book was not objective and had nothing positive to say about the country. It was somewhat mean spirited and had a plethora of stereotypical information.

This book gives an fairly impartial yet Western view of modern Iran. I can see how some Iranians would criticize it, but my wife who is Iranian and me (an American) spent 4 weeks traveling in Iran in March 2000 found this book to be useful before, during, and after the trip. We never encountered any anti-American or anti-West attitudes during our trip, in fact just the opposite. Sure there aren't the nightclubs or other forms of 'entertainment' that you find in the west, like Paul mentions but for us this became an opportunity to do other things. They don't roll up the streets at dark, far from it. The coffee shops, resturants, stores, and bazaars in many cities are open quite late with many people shopping, having a meal or a chat. My wife said it was much better there than her last trip in 1996. I had a great time! If you're planning a trip to Iran (even if you're Iranian) get this book (my

wife enjoyed it too).

The one book I took with me everywhere on a 1 month family "vacation" to Iran summer of 2001. We spent 6 months planning it, getting all the paperwork in order, etc. We traveled to every region of Iran. It's a fascinating, wonderful country---worth the heat, aggravation, misogynist government, pollution, dangerous traffic, travel headaches, lack of western organizational tools (like telephone directories), etc. The people were wonderful, the food was fabulous and fresh. This guidebook captures all the hazards and headaches for the traveler and presents the solutions. In a country without good communication, this guidebook gave us very reliable info. I'm buying this guidebook for anyone I know that's going there. It's a gem.

I traveled to Iran in August 2000. This book gave very helpful advice for tourist paperwork to complete as well as the sites to see. I stayed with my fiance's large family and they took me to many places in Terhan and Isfahan. Only one family member spoke English, so this book was able to give me great descriptions of the places I was visiting. I highly recommend this travel guide.

I don't know what book some of these people were reading, as this book is in no way biased against Iran. It is quite the opposite. Covers main cities like Tehran and goes way off the beaten track to little villages near the Afghani border. Gives great info on Iranian culture and shows that Iran is really no where near as intimidating to westerners as many think.

This detailed guide finally updates the old guidebook with new information. A must for travellers to Iran. Paul Greenway's narrative and explanations are also more interesting (and quite funny in some cases) than David St. Vincent's older edition.

I do recomend this book. It's a great book, if you know what it's talking about.

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