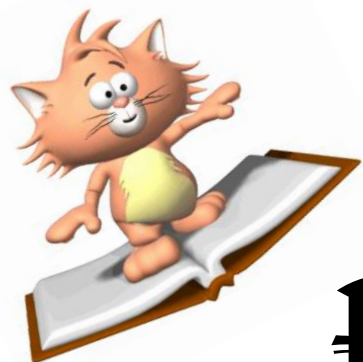




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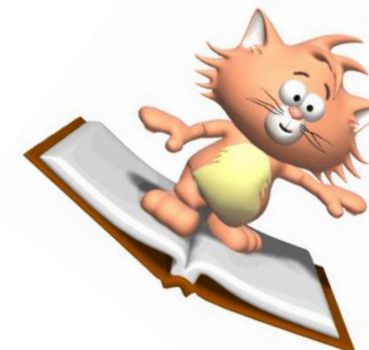


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Languages in each you can read this book:
English

Book Title: A Real and Ordinary Chinese Girl

Author: Shuhui Wang

What it is said about this book:

Someone said that Chinese grow up in a poor environment and lack of education; Chinese don't care about politeness and manners and don't want to share; Chinese are crazy about luxury but don't care about acquiring knowledge; they don't have religion; every Chinese can play "Kongfu";

A short description of the book:

Shuhui Wang (Ieva) is a Chinese girl of 25 years, who has a Master degree in Education. She is living in Latvia for 2 years and she is a Chinese volunteer teacher in Rēzeknes Augstskola. She grew up in an ordinary Chinese Muslim family in Northwestern China and got higher education in Southern China. She enjoys reading and travelling, loves the world and her country.



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Languages in each you can read this book:
English
German

Book Title: A Swede from Germany

Author: Moritz Menzel

What it is said about this book:

Everybody in Sweden is tall, blond and super sexy. People there are rich and live in red houses furnished by Ikea. In every street, there is at least one bear and one moose. All social services are free.

A short description of the book:

I was born in Germany, but lived in Sweden more or less continuously before I went to school (in Germany). Even now, I spend at least one month every summer there. If you feel like you are from two places, you miss your other home all the time. The benefits of a place become apparent only when you leave it. I would like to open up about this peculiar feeling.



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Book Title: A Simple Young French Soldier

Author: Maiolino Vincent

What it is said about this book:

If people see you that you are small or thin they tend to judge you and believe that you have no power, no strength. If you tell them that you are from the army they believe that you are rigid and you know only one way to do things. Also it is said that military people never had to think, that they are only used to giving and receiving orders.

A short description of the book:

I'm Vincent, from France, I am 23 years old and now I'm a volunteer in Rezekne, in a center for disabled people. Before coming here I was in the army for 3 years. My experience shows me that the appearance is just illusion and that is not a good idea to judge people only by their physique. The time I spent in the army taught me a lot about people and self control. My book will offer you a comical story about my life as a soldier.

Languages in each you can read this book:

English

French



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Book Title: American

Author: David Whitlock

What it is said about this book:

Americans don't know where France actually is, let alone Latvia or Afghanistan. Every American owns a gun. We like fast food and are overweight. Every American believes he or she will be rich someday. We are materialistic and shallow, and shop at giant malls and department stores

A short description of the book:

I'm David, from America. I have a degree in Psychology and Norwegian Language, but I also speak Latvian. I am here, in Rezekne to teach English as part of the Fulbright program from August until July. Back home, I play rock music in Seattle, a city famous for its musicians (Nirvana, Jimi Hendrix). I want to show you within this book that there isn't a monolithic American culture, and that what makes the country great is the diversity in thought, opinion and lifestyle.

Languages in each you can read this book:

English

Latvian



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Languages in each you can read this book:

English
German

Book Title: An Unpunctual and not Well Organized German.

Author: Paul Müller

What it is said about this book:

Germans are orderly, super punctual, well organized and a little bit pedantic. They never make jokes and only eat sausages and sauerkraut. They love their cars and beer.

A short description of the book:

My name is Paul, I am 18 years old and I do my European Volunteer Service in Rezekne, Latvia. I am the living proof against the stereotypes presented above. I am not very well organized and always a little bit late and everything else than orderly. Though, if you decide to read my book you will find a lot of stories about my country and the German tradition.



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Book Title: Being Kurdish

Author: Murat Aslan

What it is said about this book:

There is no difference between Turkish and Kurdish people. Kurdish people are directly associated with terrorism. Kurdish people only live in Turkey.

A short description of the book:

I'm Murat. I'm from Turkey. Turkey has many ethnic groups. I am Kurdish. I was born in Adana, I studied in Denizli and now I'm an Erasmus student in Rezekne. I love music and I even sang in my University's Music Choir. Every book opens a new view for people! .Don't be late to read me!!

Languages in each you can read this book:
English



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Book Title: Britany – Part of the France

Author: Clemence Joubel

What it is said about this book:

It Britany people eat only pancakes and they are all alocoholics. They are all seamen and most of the time they wear a yellow raincoat. It is said that here rains all the time. Also, because people want to be independent they plan bombings.

A short description of the book:

I am Clémence, I am 23 years old, I am French, but also Britain. I like my region a lot. We have beautiful landscapes and we can go to the sea really easily. Contrary to the stereotype we don't only eat pancakes (ok, we eat them a lot) but we have a lot of different kinds of food that you need to try. I want to share another image of my region with you . If you want to visit France, go see Paris but don't forget about Britany. It's totally different and also very interesting. Until then I'm waiting for you to read me and learn more about this part of the world.

Languages in each you can read this book:

English

French



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Languages in each you can read this book:
English

Book Title: Discover Albania

Author: Vantela Gjata

What it is said about this book:

Albanian men will spend all of their money and sacrifice even their home only for buying a Mercedes. They feel they know more about Italy than Italians themselves. They have more alcohol in their house than the local bar. They don't like gypsies but they act like them, spending money only for fun, alcohol, girls and food.

A short description of the book:

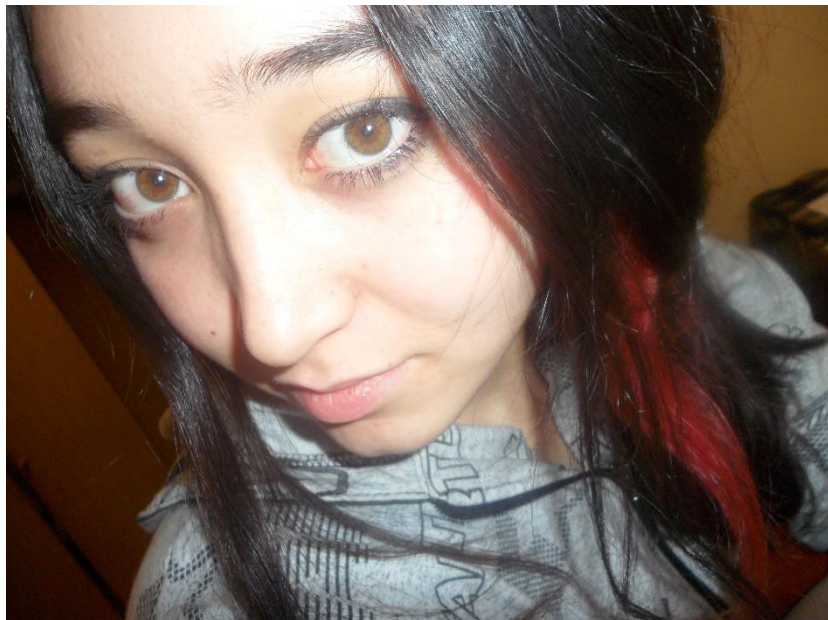
Maybe for you Albania is an absolutely unknown country. But if you read this book you will find interesting and curious stories about the history, geography, climate and beautiful nature that exists in Albania. In some pages I will also explain the unique way we celebrate marriage. I have a lot of examples of different stereotypes that I faced in every country that I have been to and I can't wait to talk with you about them and break them together. Be ready to read a book that nobody knows almost anything about!



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Book Title: Guide to Hospitable Uzbekistan and Islam Tradition

Author: Zulaykho Kodirova

What it is said about this book:

Islam is violent, oppressive towards women and fundamentally different from Christianity and Judaism.

A short description of the book:

If I believe in something different, it does not mean that I cannot understand you or you cannot understand me. I'm totally from another culture and I have very different traditions and beliefs. My world view differentiates from yours, however the more people you know from different countries the more you expand your horizon, and the easier it will be for you to understand and communicate with them.

Languages in each you can read this book:

English

Russian

Uzbek



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Book Title: Ideas about Hungarian People

Author: Nora Galambos

What it is said about this book:

In Hungaria all the girls are beautiful and every man has a mustache. Everybody has a villa next to the Balaton lake. If we talk about their food, paprika and gulyas is everything that we can think about. We still don't know if the capital of Hungaria is Budapest or Bucuresti. Let's not forget that Hungarian people are world champions in eating, drinking and smoking.

A short description of the book:

If someone says to you "HUNGARY" I'm sure that you have some thoughts about it. Nowadays people can get a lot of information about different countries and nations easily. But what do you think? Are all of them are really true? Are all the Hungarians eating Gulyás soup every day? All the people suffer from depression? Are we really pessimistic? Would you like to know real things from my point of view and hear about my experiences? Be brave and read me! Don't judge at first sight! 😊

Languages in each you can read this book:
English



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Languages in each you can read this book:
English

Book Title: Little Lovely Slovakia

Author: Ivana Slovíková

What it is said about this book:

Is Slovakia the same with Czechoslovakia? And by the way, where is it on the map? It is said that people from Slovakia love beer and they are hospitable.

A short description of the book:

My name is Ivana, I am from Slovakia and I'm proud of it. I was born in Tvrdošín but I studied in Nitra (Economy). I love travelling, that's the reason why I am in Latvia right now as a student. I can tell you about Slovakia that it is a beautiful country and even though we have nothing as famous as London Eye, Sydney Opera House, Eiffel tower or sea, I can persuade you that there are lots of reasons why it is worth it to visit my country. If you want to know more about mountains, nature, people, habits I will be very happy to open the covers of my book and to let you to read about my country 😊



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Book Title: Mafia: Myth or Reality?

Author: Tamara Cafa'

What it is said about this book:

When thinking about the Mafia, people from all over the world usually think about the classic movie "The Godfather". But the Mafia is reality. Also, many people think that Sicily equals Mafia. Mafia is something mysterious. But actually, how much do you know about Mafia?

A short description of the book:

I am Tamara, and I am from Sicily. Sicily is an amazing place, even if we need to deal with this big reality called Mafia every day. We put a lot of effort into breaking up these criminal structures, but due to violence and corruption it seems to be an unwinnable fight. Do you want to know more about this struggle and the real Mafia? How Mafia changed over the decades? Is it possible to fight it and defeat it for ever? Read this thrilling story in my book.

Languages in each you can read this book:

English

Italian



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Languages in each you can read this book:

English

Latvian

Russian

Book Title: Open Ukraine

Author: Severyn-Roman Ropetsky

What it is said about this book:

Lots of stereotypes tells that Ukraine is part of Russia so all the Ukrainians speak all the time in Russian. Because of Chernobyl, Ukrainian vegetables and fruits are perceived as dangerous to eat. It is also said that Ukrainians don't like foreigners, are melancholic and are always quarreling with each other. A common misconception is that there is snow all year in Ukraine. Would you like trou? Up to you....

A short description of the book:

Ukraine is a country with outstanding history and traditions, but not a lot of people who have never been in Ukraine know the truth about it. My name is Severyn and I am a volunteer in Latvia. In my free time, I like to hitchhike and discover the world. I would be very happy to share my experience as an Ukrainian citizen with you .



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Languages in each you can read this book:

English

Spanish

Book Title: Spaniards Around the World

Author: Andres Martinez

What it is said about this book:

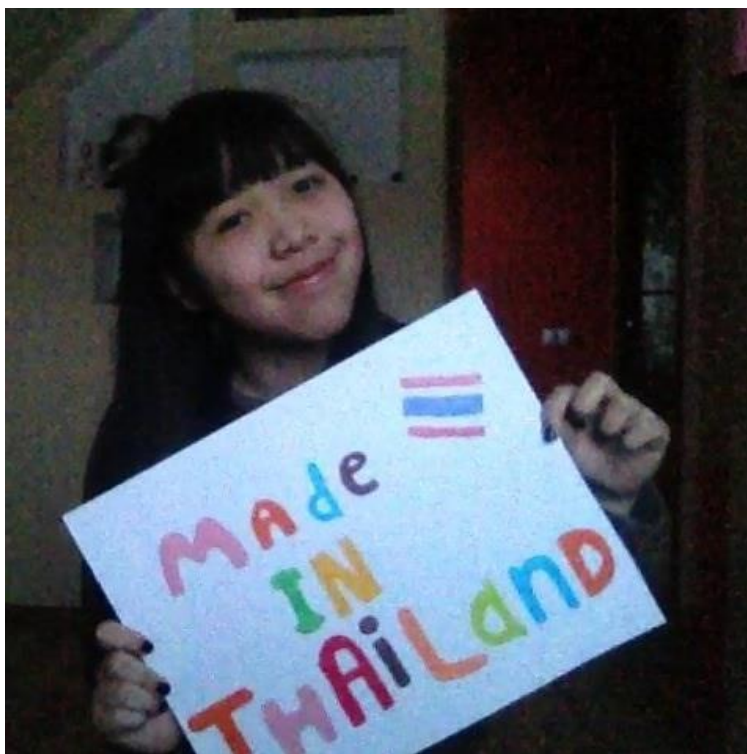
It is said that the Spanish are lazy, they just like to party, chase bulls and 'siesta'. In my book we can see that that is not true and that people in Spain, especially young people, are very active, work a lot, and they like to travel a lot.

A short description of the book:

My name is Andres Martinez. I am 24, and I am from Spain. I have lived in a little village for many summers since I was a kid, and I have met people from a lot of cities of my country that also stayed in my village during summer. They are fantastic people. Maybe this is the reason why I like to travel very much and enjoy seeing new places and meeting new people. I have been in Italy, France, Malta, UK, Serbia, Latvia, Estonia and Finland, and I am still thinking that I have to visit many more countries! You can read all my experiences in these places and in my little village.



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Book Title: Thai Teenager Lifestyle

Author: Suphichaya Rawinanchuwong

What it is said about this book:

Thailand - the land of smiles and kind people. Thailand is full of food and fruits with a low cost of living. We all love our King.

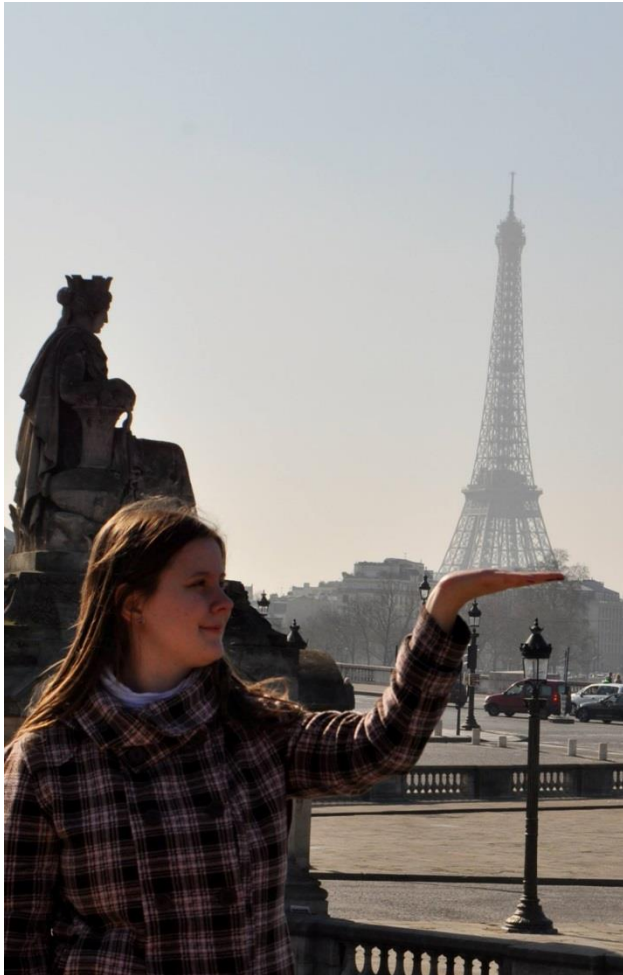
A short description of the book:

I'm an exchange student within the AFS program. I was born in Chonburi, a comfortable beachside town to relax in Thailand. I would like to present you what Thai teenagers think about, do and things they have to deal with. Then you will know how hard it is to be a teenager in Thailand.

Languages in each you can read this book:
English



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Languages in each you can read this book:
English
German

Book Title: The Vegetarian German

Author: Claudia Reppin

What it is said about this book:

Germans are organized, tidy, hard-working people that lost their humor somewhere. As they love eating their Sunday roast and bratwurst it would be just insane to be a vegetarian.

A short description of the book:

Confession first: I love being lazy. I usually do things at the last minute (like writing this description). And even though I'm a vegetarian for a little time now I don't always cook vegetarian food for hours in my kitchen (thank you Italians for introducing us to pizza and pasta). Besides this I'm someone who loves to talk to other people and learn about new things and cultures. That's why I also love to travel whenever I find the time and money (or not) for it.



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Languages in each you can read this book:
English

Book Title: Turkey Is An European Country

Author: Hüseyin BAYAN

What it is said about this book:

Turkey is an Arabic Country, Turkish people are Mongols, Turkish culture does not exist in Europe, Turkey is not a secular country, Turkey can not join the Eroepean Union.

A short description of the book:

I am Mutlu Hüseyin BAYAN, I am 19 years old, I am from Turkey. I studied primary teacher training in Pamukkale University but now I am an Erasmus student in Latvia. I am interested in politics and history. I like to meet people from different countries and to learn foreign languages. In this book, a big part of the Turkish culture is waiting for you to be discovered.



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Book Title: Turkish People

Author: Selin Duran

What it is said about this book:

Turkish men have more than one wife. Men are dominant and women are submissive. All Turkish men have moustaches and, wearing a headscarf is mandatory for women. Turkish ride camels. They have a strong feeling of patriotism.

A short description of the book:

I am proud to say that I have two nationalities, Turkish and French. I was born in France and I lived there for 18 years. One year ago, I moved to Turkey, my country of origin. People often ask me “Do you feel more French or Turkish”. Difficult question to answer. It’s like choosing between my mother and father but let’s keep this to ourselves, I feel more Turkish than French ☺. This feeling has been intensified when I heard all the negative stereotypes about Turkey.

Through this book I want to break stereotypes about Turkish women and men.

Languages in each you can read this book:

English

French