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How To Swear & Love In Dutch



Synopsis

The most hilarious travel guide you need, when on the road in Belgium or the Netherlands. Whether you want to flirt with someone, get them in your bed ("I do regret it"), know what to say on a wedding ("You're the worst best man"), in a restaurant, long term relationship ("We should get a dog"), breakup ("I'm taking the dog with me!"), in a pub ("I can't feel my shoe."), traffic ("I think we're flashed") or just want to have a decent conversation... It's all there!

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"The title is a bit misleading, for this is a general English/Dutch phrasebook, covering far more than swearing and the language of love. It opens with the Dutch alphabet and the fundamentals of counting in the Dutch language. Then there are phrases used when you meet people for the first time. For example, "What is your name?" and "Where do you work?" There are four sections that could be considered in the category of love and relationships, other sections have phrases for situations such as on a job interview, at work, in a restaurant, at a pub and being a tourist. There are a few mild swear words, but nothing that would draw a great deal of ire or get you thrown off of most public transportation. Contrary to what the title suggests, if you need a general phrasebook, this will work for you." -Goodreads

Ingeborg Stinissen's book is quite useful as a traveller's phrase book, should English be the traveller's first language, regardless that much humor is used throughout. Should the reader find themselves interested in the language or, in the future, wishing to migrate to Holland / Netherlands, 'How to Love and Swear in Dutch' would be the ideal book to keep handy, just as I did when I first visited Finland (although my phrase book was in Finnish). Some of the phrases given caused me to laugh out loud. It is interesting that Dutch

people are described as shy and quiet, which is the complete opposite of my Dutch friends, but each individual is different in any culture until you get to know them. The only phrase which I noticed was missing was possibly the most important one of them all: Where is the toilet? It was one of the few phrases which led to disaster and almost led to the police being called when I tried to mime it on my first day in Europe. Whether you are a tourist who needs to know the bare essentials of the Dutch language or you are planning a future in the Netherlands, this book is a must-have." - Goodreads

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I must confess that I was not anticipating what turned out to be the obvious choice. I expected a maybe convoluted romance story based in a Dutch-speaking country. So while I was near the setting *Amsterdam*, close, but no cigar! This is essentially a conversational cheat sheet, the type that is useful to someone going to a Dutch country for the first time, and willing to show that he wants to mix with the local population. It consists of Dutch numbers, alphabet; words, phrases, and even proverbs with English phonetics. The phrases seem to be those that a newbie would need to use very often. Usually, the way the average person deals with these is to cram the phrases, and be able with some degree of *fluency* to interact with the local population. But the latter knows from the *beginning* that that person is a foreigner. They just know. So some may just as well appreciate your spreading out the sheet in front of you and finding what you want to say. Having understood that, I appreciate that if I was using the cheat sheet, I would need to do so as quickly as possible, so I would need to access the terms without too much time spent on flipping pages. In that regard, I would have found it useful if the major headings could have been indexed in a Table of Contents *quick flash* there, then flick to an appropriate content heading in the body of the book *in any* event, a procedure which would make me less stumbling to find a phrase of response. Unless you are going to be writing in Dutch, the English phonetics would assist in quickly making you sound *Dutch-conversant*. The best way to use the book is to *understand* the key words and relationships before you arrive, just as the Dutchman does at home or before going to an English country. The author does help us to study the proverbs, some of which you will surely recognize, but which all speak to the culture of the country. Hey *while* you have time, read the book *you never* know *!*

At first I didn't think this was actually a book that would teach you an unknown language, my mind

went directly to the 'romance in a foreign country' genre. Imagine my surprise when this opened with the phonetic Dutch alphabet, numbers, greetings and then head first into flirting. Because that's super important. Hilarity ensues from this point and the reader finds herself laughing about potential scenarios with handsome Dutch gentlemen. This eventually happens, by the way, without realizing the thoughts are at least partly in Dutch as well. And just like that, you're learning a new language - albeit one I can honestly say I have never been remotely interested in learning before. This book teaches you specifically how to say "I can't open your bra." and the next chapter is what to say at the wedding! Followed by how to tell your significant other that they are blocking the television. I can't even...I had so much fun reading *How to Swear and Love in Dutch*. While it is humorous, Ingeborg Stinissen manages to teach the serious stuff as well. It was an easy going, information filled 60 pages that I would recommend to anyone heading into Dutch country to mingle with the locals.

Author Ingeborg Stinissen decided to write this introduction to the Dutch language and to Dutch culture on a holiday in Ireland. When I met some women from America. Though I was the only European (Belgian) tourist at the time, I couldn't hold myself back teaching them a little bit from our lovely Dutch language. "Teach us all the bad stuff you know, in Dutch!" I wrote some stuff on a napkin and so it began. During the holiday they've put a smile on my face. Hilarious. For openers, Ingeborg offers the alphabet as it's phonetically pronounced in Dutch, numbers, phrases on meeting people, flirting, wedding talk, long term relationships, dieting, breaking up, being a tourist, dining at a restaurant or visiting a pub, job interviews, work talk, being polite, holidays and more. The phrases she uses are useful and entertaining and at times hilarious. She offers the phrase in English, translates to Dutch in black print and below the black print she offers the phrase phonetically. And after teaching us how to make conversations in many arenas she offers some Dutch proverbs as well as some memorable quotes. Have fun, learn both the Dutch language for tourists and catch the glee that Ingeborg has instilled in this fun as well as helpful book. Grady Harp, August 16

I have been wanting to pick up a little Dutch for a while since my best friend is Dutch. So, I figured this book would be a fun way to joke around with her in her native language. I was definitely impressed with all of the information the author managed to pack into this book though. I have to admit, I was a little intimidated when I opened up the book and saw the alphabet though. However,

after trying out some of the phrases and getting a little help from my friend, I felt the book was rather easy to follow. I highly doubt I will be going abroad any time soon, but if you're just curious about the language then this book is pretty amazing. It's fun to read and will have you hooked on practicing Dutch every day. This author certainly knows how to make learning a language fun, I only wish I had access to this type of content in high school when my memory was better.

How to Swear & Love in Dutch is a fun and entertaining book. The author does a pretty good job providing the essential sentences to survive in the Netherlands, either you go for short or long-term. The vocabulary comes very handy and is distributed over some possible scenarios you may have to face. A book of contents would be very handy. Whilst in a (basic) conversation one simply doesn't have the time to search an entire chapter looking for the intended sentence. Giving the readers a pronunciation sentence is a nice little detail to help you get yourself understood. The Dutch language is full of sounds that are pretty hard to achieve so this will lead to hilarious situations. Either you're traveling to the Netherlands, have a Dutch friend or simply want to learn the basics of a new language, this book is pretty good and covers almost all situations you can possibly imagine.

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