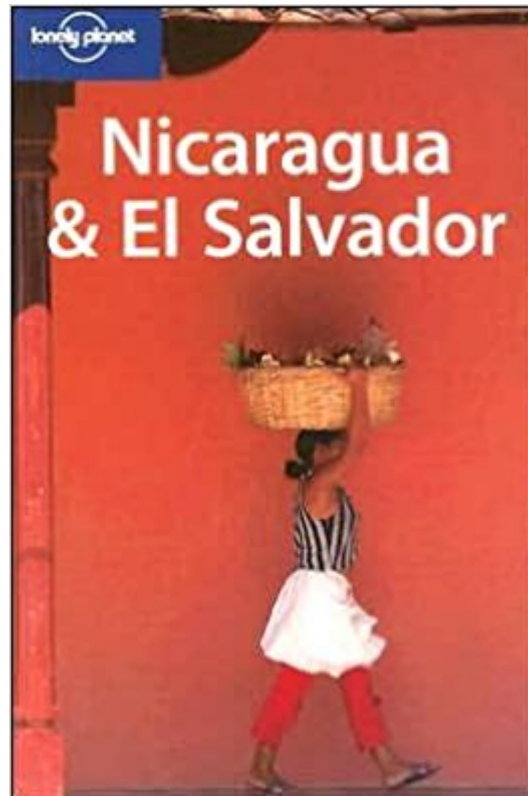




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Although I knew that this was a paperback, I thought for the price, (over \$50.00) that it would be more substantial. It arrived a little beat up, and was the size of a supermarket paperback. What really upset me was the fact that publisher's price printed on the back cover was \$19.99. I bought this to give as a Christmas gift to a family member, and ended up just including it as a stocking stuffer. Over \$56.00 with shipping! I felt completely ripped off.

Lonely Planet is by far the best travel series for independently-minded, backpacking folk. That notwithstanding, my only question for this particular book would have to be: Why did Lonely Planet put Nicaragua and El Salvador together in one book? This seems a bit arbitrary, since (as a native-born Nicaraguan) these are both very different countries with substantially different things to offer a traveler. Additionally, both countries are vibrant enough to each warrant a separate book. But all in all, I think it's still the definitive guidebook for travelers.

As ever, Lonely Planet comes through again. It's a comprehensive guide that is essential for travel in these countries. Don't leave home without it!

A great companion book to have on a trip to Nicaragua.

This guide to Nicaragua and El Salvador isn't great, but if you're traveling to El Salvador, this is all there is. The book would benefit from better organization, better maps, and less snarkiness. (and why did they put Nicaragua and El Salvador in the same book -- the two countries don't even share a border!) Alas, no other publishers offer a current El Salvador guidebook, so you have no other choices. When Moon publishes an El Salvador guidebook, I'll be the first in line to buy it...

This book came highly recommended and when we decided to visit my husband's country of birth, I thought I better prepare myself. Reading through this book, marking up where I think I might like to go, made me wish I would not have to wait till December to get there. I particularly like the fact that it was a bunch of women on their own who did the research to this book - not being Latina, I know I will stick out when we get there, but I feel that I am warned now and that things might not be as bad as they used to be. I think I might write an update to this review once we have been and tried some of the places described in the book!

My trip to Nicaragua has been postponed but it looks like this book will be as helpful to me as the other guides in the Lonely Planet series have been.

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