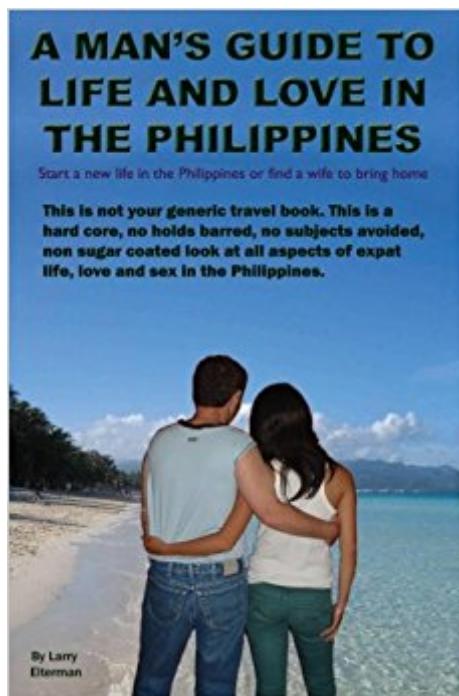


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# A Man's Guide To Life And Love In The Philippines



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A practical guide about life and love in the Philippines; a no holds barred, no subjects avoided, non sugar coated look at all aspects of Expat life, love and sex in the Philippines. Are you a middle aged man not ready to give up on fun? Are you divorced and alone? Do you crave a younger sexy woman but don't have any hope in your own country? If so, this book can help you in two ways; it can help you to find a Filipina wife to bring back to your country or it can help you to start a new life and adventure in the Philippines! This book is chockfull of practical information such as: The best places for Expats to live; How to find women while in the Philippines; The culture and psychology of Filipina women; The legal system and its dangers; Prostitution, entertainers and massage; Buying property and building a house; Immigration/ Visa laws; How to handle your money; About medical facilities; Estimated living expenses; Culture and history; and much more!

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## **Customer Reviews**

Larry Elterman was born in Boston Massachusetts and grew up in the Boston area. He attended the University of Massachusetts and graduated with a combined degree in mathematics and computer science. As an adult he was a software engineer and lived the typical American baby boomer yuppie life style. That is, until he decided to start a new life, a new adventure â€œ in the Philippines.

Some information in this book is not 100% correct, but I think it is an excellent effort and a very useful book. The main error I recall is that the author says a fiancee visa gives you 6 months to get to know your prospective spouse... in reality the time period is 90 days and the U.S. government

specifically says that it is NOT supposed to be an introductory period but rather the final checks and arrangements on somebody you are already committed to marrying. It is a bit hard to understand how the author missed the mark like that on something so very central to what this book is about. Also I wonder if the author hasn't been doing some rationalizing or wishful thinking on the subject of how completely accepted the young Filipina/old American relationship is in the Philippines. I was just over there and saw the 19/55 combinations and I was told they are viewed with a mixture of pity and displeasure... and the topic of considerable gossip. Well, maybe the person telling me that had motives to do so... I don't know. One thing the author didn't hit was the subject of tipping. I have 3 books on the Philippines so far and none clearly state what the normal custom is there. I mean I'm sure they are happy to take my money, but do Filipinos usually tip at restaurants, and how much? Another thing the book should have covered is diseases such as malaria and dengue fever. All the travel books and the U.S. government recommend drugs to protect from malaria for tourists, but I'm sure the native people are not taking any such drugs. What is the consensus among expats living in the country? Surely the expense and side effects of the drugs make it nearly impossible for long-term residents to continue taking them. A little insight here would have been really nice. But overall I liked the book. The author comes across as a fairly decent person, and the book seems packed with useful information and good advice. I felt it was like having a long chat with a very knowledgeable yet regular guy.

This book is well written, enjoyable to read and contains useful information. That's said however it has two problems: First it contains lot of outdated and out-of-topic material (the two things often coincide), like the chapters on using internet. Secondly the book is in real need of an editorial review: many things are repeated many times and out of order.. I would say it's an excellent draft, but it needs to be put in order to become a real book..

I came across this book by accident actually! I was looking for a different book (which I won't name), but the title of this one caught my attention. After looking at the pages available to view on , I was intrigued even more (I think it was the acronyms.....very creative!) I've spent a good deal of my life living abroad and I definitely am not easily impressed this way (I've done a lot myself).....However I love Larry's straight forward no BS approach to describing everything one needs to know if they are considering moving to the Philippines or meeting a lady there as well. He leaves no stone unturned.....I noticed that some other people who posted reviews were bored by parts of the book, but he covers everything that needs to be covered in the detail necessary! Not too little, not too

much! It's like karate class! Though we want to, we can't start off like Bruce Lee! One needs to have an understanding of the basics before you get into a fight.....Larry shows he's not only knowledgeable but thorough in his approach to the subject matter. Everything you will NEED to know at some point, he covers! He does it in such a way that doesn't make the Philippines out to be the "end all be all" best experience one will ever have (though it is clearly working out for him!!), nor does he make it a cautionary tale where one must follow his advice or fail miserably. He knows what to take from his own experiences and research and just present it like it is.....no better, no worse. No embellishing and no grandstanding as if he is the consummate source of information on the subject. He puts it out there and you can decide for yourself! That in itself is a very refreshing approach! I definately think I've made a good purchase and I think you will to! I'm not in the market for a Filipina wife, yet I was able to thoroughly enjoy this book for what it is.....A very well written guide by a writer who has a personal interest in the subject matter and also the ability and presence of mind to present it in such a way that will benefit many people considering taking the road he took some 8 years ago! Do yourself a favour and read this book.....You will be glad you did!

Ok book. It is really focused on old men looking for young girls to be their wife or girlfriend. It also give a rather large amount of rather dated technical information on how to use a computer, cell phone, text message and such. If you are and old guy looking for a young girl in the Philippines and could use a short explanation of communication technology then it might be worth getting. For everyone else, you will sort through a lot of irrelevant information to find a few useful details.

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