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City Of Dreams: An Extraordinary Journey, Inside The Heart Of Indonesia's Capital- Jakarta



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Synopsis

The city of Jakarta is described as the "City of Dreams," by visitors usually overwhelmed by its sheer size, and the unique lifestyles of the people who live there. Discover a collection of true to life stories from the "City of Dreams," that can amaze, amuse, or simply confuse you. Find out what really can happen when East meets West in a downtown club, and explore the crumbling old city that was once- Batavia. Meet Chicken Harry an expatriate in love with the cities diverse nightlife, or experience a rainy season flood. Journey into Jakarta, with each unique story, and truly discover the city of dreams.

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Customer Reviews

As a former expatriate who lived in Jakarta for almost two decades, I found the the stories in the City of Dream, brought back fond memories about what lays beneath the surface in this remarkable city. I could actually feel, smell and imagine Jakarta again. A compelling read, where you can explore all aspects of life in this great city. RobI stumbled upon the "City of Dreams," in my local library, and have to say it was a fully entertaining, and thoughtful introduction to Jakarta. The story, "Bandung Express, " truly described the beautiful train journey, I take every weekend- Sarah LeeThe theme of ghosts drifts into many of the stories in this book, and in my own experience blends well with the feelings of many of my Indonesian colleagues. Its a very witty, and entertaining book-Hans Steiner

I hope you enjoy reading this book of true to life tales, and perhaps one day visit the "City of

Dreams." --This text refers to the Kindle Edition edition.

Huge margins, one to three sentence paragraphs (separated, of course, by more blank space), and an unusually large font conspire to minimize the content of this pretentious pamphlet. I ordered a number of books on Bali from , and when they arrived I glanced through them without paying attention to the authors' names. As I read portions of this publication at random I began to suspect that it was the charming work of an Indonesian whose command of the English language was not quite adequate to qualify him to write an English language book without assistance and an educated editor. Soon it became clear that such was not the case. Surely the author, who presumably had been to school, had been made aware of his inability to compose sentences in standard English. It seems to me, therefore, that for such a person to self-publish a book without having someone competent in English composition check his writing (not a very time-consuming undertaking given the paucity of content), indicates an inexcusable arrogance and contempt for his readers.

Conceptually this book is good: a series of brief snapshots into life in Jakarta. Though lacking depth, this collection of anecdotes serves as a introduction for Indonesia-bound expats. Unfortunately the kindle version is completely unedited, rife with spelling and grammatical errors. Flicking through, I was unable find a single paragraph that without a major grammatical error (i.e. one which makes a sentence incomplete or nonsensical). It is hard to believe that this book was written by a native English speaker, let alone an IELTS trainer. Please, please get a copy editor!

I really enjoyed these stories of the author's experiences in Jakarta and felt they gave me a good foreigner's perspective on the culture and environment of the city before my first quick trip there. However, I found the stories hard to read because of the grammar and strange punctuation. If bad grammar and punctuation get in the way of your enjoying a book, you probably don't like this one. The best way to find out is to read the Kindle sample; the rest of the stories are similar. Still, it was worth my \$2.99 to get in a Jakarta state of mind before my trip.

This book is written with a lot of dry humor making it entertaining to read. It reveals many funny and surprising aspects of the expat life in Jakarta, Indonesia. The author exposes his experiences in a candid and interesting manner. Reading the stories will give a glimpse of the dynamic and adventurous "city of dreams" in the capital city of the biggest country in South East Asia.

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