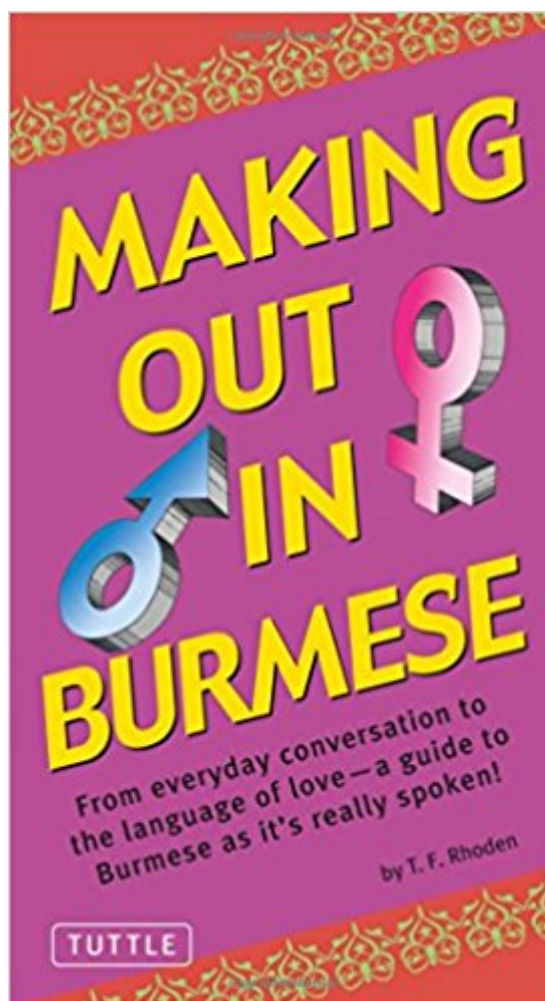




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Making Out In Burmese: (Burmese Phrasebook) (Making Out Books)



Synopsis

Making Out in Burmese is a fun, accessible and thorough Burmese phrase book and guide to the Burmese language as it's really spoken. Nihn yeh myiht lohn goh jait deh. Beh daw teht-dway ja oo me-lah? (You have beautiful eyes. When can I see you again?) Answer this correctly in Burmese and you may be going on a hot date. Incorrectly, and you could be hurting someone's feelings or getting a slap! Burmese classes and textbooks tend to spend a lot of time rehearsing for the same fictitious scenarios but chances are while in Myanmar (Burma) you will spend a lot more time trying to make new friends or start new romances—something you may not be prepared for. If you are a student, businessman or tourist traveling to Myanmar and would like to have an authentic and meaningful experience, the key is being able to speak like a local. This friendly and easy-to-use Burmese phrasebook makes this possible. Making Out in Burmese has been carefully designed to act as a guide to modern colloquial Burmese for use in everyday informal interactions—giving access to the sort of catchy Burmese expressions that aren't covered in traditional language materials. As well as the Romanized, each expression is now given in authentic Burmese script (myanma bhasa), so that in the case of difficulties the book can be shown to the person the user is trying to communicate with. This Burmese phrasebook includes: A guide to pronouncing Burmese words correctly, including aspiration, vowels, nasal endings, and guttural stops. Explanations of basic Burmese grammar. Romanized forms of words and phrases. Complete Burmese translations including Burmese script (myanma bhasa). Useful and interesting notes on the Burmese language and culture. Lots of colorful, fun and useful expressions not covered in other phrasebooks. Titles in this unique series of bestselling phrase books include: Making Out in Chinese, Making Out in Indonesian, Making Out in Thai, Making Out in Korean, Making Out in Hindi, Making Out in Japanese, Making Out in Vietnamese, Making Out in Burmese, Making Out in Tagalog, Making Out in Hindi, Making Out in Arabic, Making Out in English, More Making Out in Korean, and More Making Out in Japanese.

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Learn to speak the colloquial language the Burmese really use with *Making Out in Burmese*! This phrase book is your guide to the Burmese language spoken in everyday situations--including lots of colloquial expressions not covers in other phrase books.*Making Out in Burmese* features a pronunciation guide--comprehensive yet simple to master. The expressions are organized according to typical encounters, including:striking up a conversationsÃÂ sharing a mealÃÂ going to townÃÂ developing a romantic relationshipThe easy-to-say pronunciation for each expression will have you sounding like a native; or you can show the book to the person you are speaking to. Making out in Burmese will enable you to master spoken Burmese in a twinkle and to communicate effectively.

T.F. Rhoden learned Burmese along the Thai-Burma border where he worked with Burmese refugees. Rhoden is also the author of *Outrageous Thai*.

Great off the beaten path phrases that would be difficult to pick up. But it does not teach grammar or vocabulary. This book doesn't teach how to speak Burmese. Without speaking and listening practice, readers will certainly not be able to communicate any of these phrases to a Burmese speaker. The only use for this book: English speakers can point at phrases and Burmese speakers can read the translation. This is slightly worse than Google Translate (which is free and easy), and assumes both communicators are literate.

I wanted something to supplement the Burmese phrasebooks and dictionaries that I've bought and thought this little pocket edition would be good to have. There are some handy phrases in here --- ones that you won't find in other Burmese books --- but I find the transliteration system that they use in this book to be extremely strange and annoying. Instead of following the system used in other Burmese phrasebooks and dictionaries, or even using phonetics, the writer/publisher has come up

with something entirely different altogether. In other words, the words are spelled differently. Plus, I found more than a few mistakes in this book. All of which makes it very frustrating trying to learn the language. I mean, the object is to pronounce these words and phrases correctly, right? Well, at least they use tone marks consistently, so it's not a total loss. But I think most learners will find this book very frustrating to use.

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