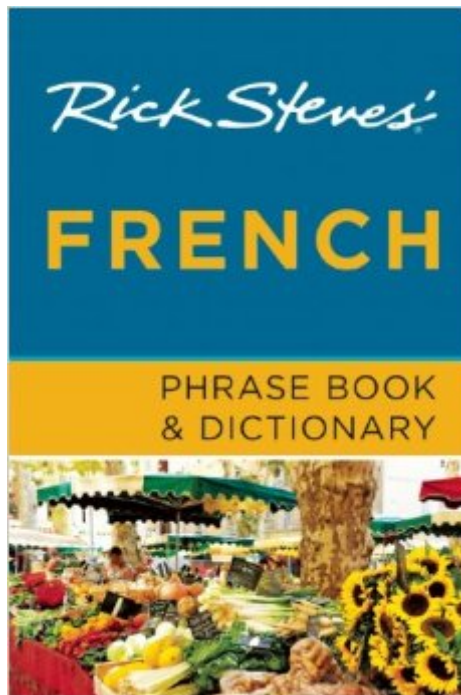




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Rick Steves has spent 100 days every year since 1973 exploring Europe. Rick produces a public television series (Rick Steves' Europe), a public radio show (Travel with Rick Steves), and an app and podcast (Rick Steves Audio Europe); writes a bestselling series of guidebooks and a nationally syndicated newspaper column; organizes guided tours that take thousands of travelers to Europe annually; and offers an information-packed website (RickSteves.com). With the help of his hardworking staff of 80 at Europe Through the Back Door[®] in Edmonds, Washington, just north of Seattle, Rick's mission is to make European travel fun, affordable, and culturally broadening for Americans.

This little book covers everything I could want, including Steves' personable, practical tips for use of the book itself, and of course for the French language. Steves addresses both literal and social points of particular communications. This book provides the words one needs to navigate food (including markets) and dining, travel, medical, shopping, entertainment, sightseeing and much, much more. An excellent application for anyone who is going to spend time in France. Very, useful. A "must-have" was perfectly met for me in that pronunciations are paired with every word or phrase - vital in that the French language is often not phonetic and because with this tool, after a while, one begins to form "patterns" that lead to memorization. Steves always includes some human interest to keep the reader, well, "interested." Steves understands that the most readers are not focused on becoming fluent French linguists, but rather wish to be able to combine enough French language with acceptable non-verbal cues to be polite, engaged, and comfortable guests in France. In every way a delightful purchase.

Yay!!! A Super tiny book. I've had this book for less than an hour and I can already pronounce the first two or three pages worth of information. Highly recommend a must-have for any France trip!! I did have a few years of French and this was a great reminder. But it would also be great for a novice. Rick Steves does it again!

Rick Steves' books and advice are simply "the best" books. His pronunciation guide is great. We are using his book as a guide for our French group.

This was quite helpful while we were in France for the first time. The book is laid out intelligently by type of interactions so that you can find what you are looking for more easily. Some phrases repeat. There's also an index of words translated in the back for easy use. The locals appreciate it when you make an effort to speak their language and this is a great way to do so.

One way or another I'm gonna learn to speak enough French to buy a beer, order dinner and figure out where we are at and how to get where we want to be. I think Rick Steves' book may just get me there. It is full of common phrases that you can use to get around in France. We went to Paris and used the stuff out of his book about getting around in Paris, but found it a tad difficult to communicate. I will say this. Knowing how to say hello, please, and thank you went a long way in our travels. I look forward to our next adventure.

Each time we needed concise conversation in Paris, this book came through! We were able to navigate how to ask for stamps, and postcard stamps, and other various things! It was a very handy book to have, and not too big, so it easily slipped into a handbag.

This is a great book. My only complaint is that it is almost too dense with information, but when was too much information such a bad thing? My kids enjoy learning how to speak basic French words and sentences. The pronunciation guide is quite helpful.

This is a very practical and helpful guide to all things French. Steve covers important cultural differences, such as the customary greeting. The guide aided me to ask basic questions at the airport, cafes, shops, etc.

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