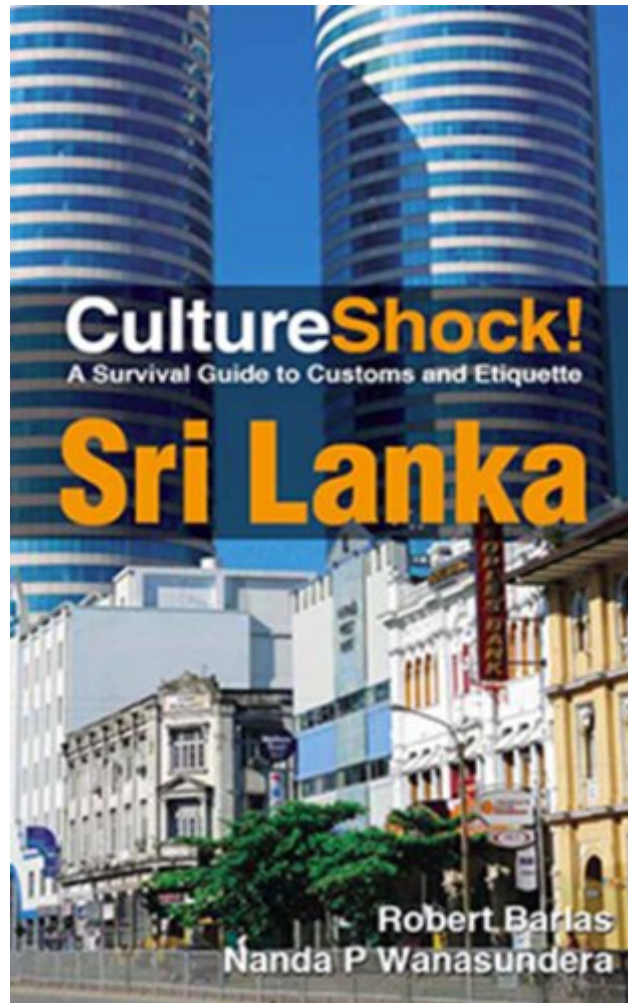




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# CultureShock! Sri Lanka



## Synopsis

Chock-full of useful tips and information, this book covers a wide range of practical issues, such as how to get your blue card, ways to get settled into your new home, and how to conduct business in the Sri Lankan environment. Find out how to communicate with the Sri Lankans and how to enjoy their delicious curries without needing a fire extinguisher! Discover what lies beneath the Sri Lankan profile and how religion, caste, and politics influence the lives of the locals. The book also guides you on the customs and cultural ways of the Sri Lankans and how you can integrate seamlessly into their society. Written in an easy-to-read style, CultureShock! Sri Lanka is the guide you must have to truly enjoy your stay in this country.

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## Customer Reviews

Overall an OK book on cultures of Sri Lanka, except a few things: Incorrect facts: ===== On pg 34 of the 2012 edition, under section 'Modern History' it casually mentions the defeat of the Tamil Tigers in 2009 and the civil war coming to a close. - does not mention the death of at least 40,000 civilians who died. (reality the figure is much higher) Thank God I was able to learn the Truth after watching

the Award-winning video #documentary by British Channel4 news at:NoFireZone.org which also had the international reviews.<sup>3</sup> Does not mention the destruction of one of S.Asia's cultural institution, the Jaffna Library, where approx. 90,000 volumes were intentionally burned!Legend!?!?=====Pg 94, 2012 EditionI'm surprised that the Publisher let the following QUOTE slip through: Especially this ridiculous 'Legend' demonizing the minority Tamils. "Sri Lankans have woven many legends around Kataragama. One tells of the Hindu war god, Skanda or Murugan, arriving in Sri Lanka and looking for a place to stay. He went first to the Tamils, who turned him away. He went to the Sinhalese who built him a shelter of leaves. To punish the Tamils, Skanda decreed that they should come to Kataragama every year and torture themselves in fulfilling their vows. Thus it has been So, the author Nanda expects to fool ALL the people All the time with this "legend" including the conscientious Sinhalese?Example: see attached photo on attacks on Religious places, courtesy of Center for Policy Alternatives, a think-tank in Sri Lanka.Finally, not sure why the Author for this book shows up only as Jo-Ann Spilling' instead of including the Sinhalese Author: Nanda Pethiyagoda Wanasundera,? :-)

While planning for a journey through South Asia, I've been reading everything on can on Sri Lanka. CULTURESHOCK! SRI LANKA is one of the few widely available guides to the culture of the country, and I'm happy I read it.The CultureShock! series is mainly intended for people relocating to a country for a lengthy period of time, and indeed you'll find a chapter on doing business and advice on hiring household servants. Nonetheless, there's much here that will prove interesting and helpful to the culturally curious traveler. For example, the section on food provides more detail than many guidebooks, and besides just listing delicacies, it gives you an idea of how the average person in Sri Lanka eats. I feel fortunate to have read the guide's presentation of the daily rhythms of Sri Lankan life, as now I know I should rise at dawn to join the locals and not hope for any real nightlife. A nice touch in the book is a series of quotations from Robert Knox, an Englishman who lived on the island for two decades from 1659. These show that much of Sri Lankan culture remains timeless, just as its cities may seem very Western at times.The 2006 edition is the first, so you needn't worry about CultureShock! selling an antiquated edition in a new cover, as they have sometimes done. If you're planning a journey to the Land of Serendipity, this guide will entertain you.

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