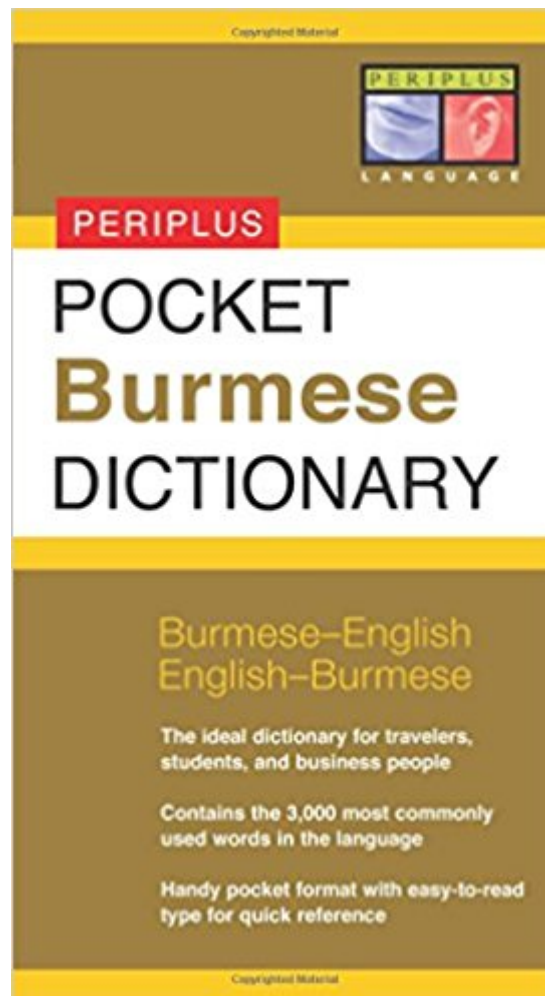




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# Pocket Burmese Dictionary: Burmese-English English-Burmese (Periplus Pocket Dictionaries)



## Synopsis

It's never a good idea to be overly reliant on technology while traveling! Look up words quickly and easily with this great little Burmese dictionary. Intended for use by tourists, students, and business people travelling to Myanmar Pocket Burmese Dictionary is an essential tool for communicating in Burmese. A great way to learn Burmese, it features all the essential Burmese vocabulary appropriate for beginning to intermediate students. It's handy pocket format and easy-to-read type will make any future trip to Myanmar much easier. In addition to being an excellent English to Burmese dictionary and Burmese to English dictionary Pocket Burmese Dictionary contains important notes on the Burmese language, Burmese grammar, and Burmese pronunciation. All Burmese words are written in Romanized form as well as authentic Burmese script (mranma akkha.ra) so that in the case of difficulties the book can simply be shown to the person the user is trying to communicate with. This dictionary contains: The 3,000 most commonly used words in the Burmese language. Burmese to English and English to Burmese sections. An introduction to the Burmese language. Romanized Burmese and Burmese script (mranma akkha.ra). Information on Burmese grammar. Information on pronouncing Burmese. Other books from this bestselling series you might enjoy include: Pocket Vietnamese Dictionary, Pocket Cambodian Dictionary, Pocket Thai Dictionary, and Pocket Malay Dictionary.

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## Customer Reviews

This beginners dictionary is designed to help learners of Burmese to gain a solid foundational

vocabulary for all further progress.

Stephen Nolan completed his BA (Hons) in Japanese, Linguistics and Asian History from the University of Sydney, Australia [1995] and went on to pursue a MA [1998], and a Ph.D [2001] from the International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan. He had vast teaching and research experiences. For the past seven years he collaborated with a Burmese linguist to revise a Burmese dictionary, and had too begun work in refugee liaison and resettlement for various Burmese peoples in Tasmania.

Like other reviewers, I think this dictionary is too limited in scope. I would have been happier with a dictionary that had many more words. This is better than some Burmese dictionaries that I've used (including the very limited one by Lonely Planet), so I don't feel like complaining too much, but it frustrates me when I want to look up a fairly common word and it's nowhere to be found. If you're a learner like me, you end up buying 4 or 5 different dictionaries in order to form a basic vocabulary. One thing I found unnecessary was the first half of the book; the Burmese-English section that lists transliterated versions of the words in alphabetical order by the "sound" of the word. Maybe some learners like having this to use as an option, but I rarely look at that part of the book. Really, it's just a waste of space that they could have used to list more words. And some of the definitions in the English-Burmese section are definitely open to debate, such as telling you that "saga mya-de" is the phrase for "argue " Every Burmese that I show that to tells me that's not correct. But at least this book gives you proper tone markers (essential for correct pronunciation) and the transliteration system is the same as that one that most other Burmese courses use. All in all this is a very useful dictionary for beginners and the slim/thin size makes it easy to carry with you. Truly, a "pocket" dictionary. If you are looking for bigger, more complete Burmese dictionary, there is a much more comprehensive one (and much thicker) from Paiboon Publications.

Some inaccuracies according to a local. I wish there were an easily accessible common phrases section. The Burmese to English section was pretty unhelpful. However, this definitely came in handy during my travels. No better option that I've found.

Every since I started studying Burmese, I have been on the lookout for a solid "pocket" Burmese-English/English-Burmese dictionary to carry around instead of retreating to later lookup the words from the large dictionaries on my bookshelf. Alas, after finding several small dictionaries

they were either inadequate, poorly organized or just plain too difficult to use. Nothing seemed to bridge the gap. And as much as I appreciate phrasebooks, their dictionaries in the back tend to be very limited. But this dictionary is exactly what I've been looking for! As a low-intermediate speaker of Burmese, I took this dictionary along on a recent trip to Myanmar and found it quite useful for day-to-day conversations. I was able to look up many words quickly and likewise when conversations came to a halt, some of my Burmese friends were able to find the word they were looking for and show it to me so I could understand. Is this dictionary perfect? No. Could it include some more words? Yes. But I loved it and found it quite helpful. And since the product only advertises itself as a pocket dictionary and not more, I give it five stars.

bought it for a young immigrant student, and he loves it.

Excellent product.

I had a Burmese friend at work who speaks no English and I needed to find a way to communicate with him. I didn't even know this book existed so imagine my pleasant surprise when I found it. It reads like any other English-to-? dictionary as well as including some basic grammar rules for Burmese. Very very helpful. I actually bought two copies, one for myself and one for my friend.

I am a nurse who just recently began working with the Burmese population. While this book is limited, I speak no Burmese at all and so this is a great first step for me. I will still need to use an interpreter but I can make the patients feel more comfortable. I wish they would have added a few pages of key phrases.

very simple, would have preferred a more detailed dictionary

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