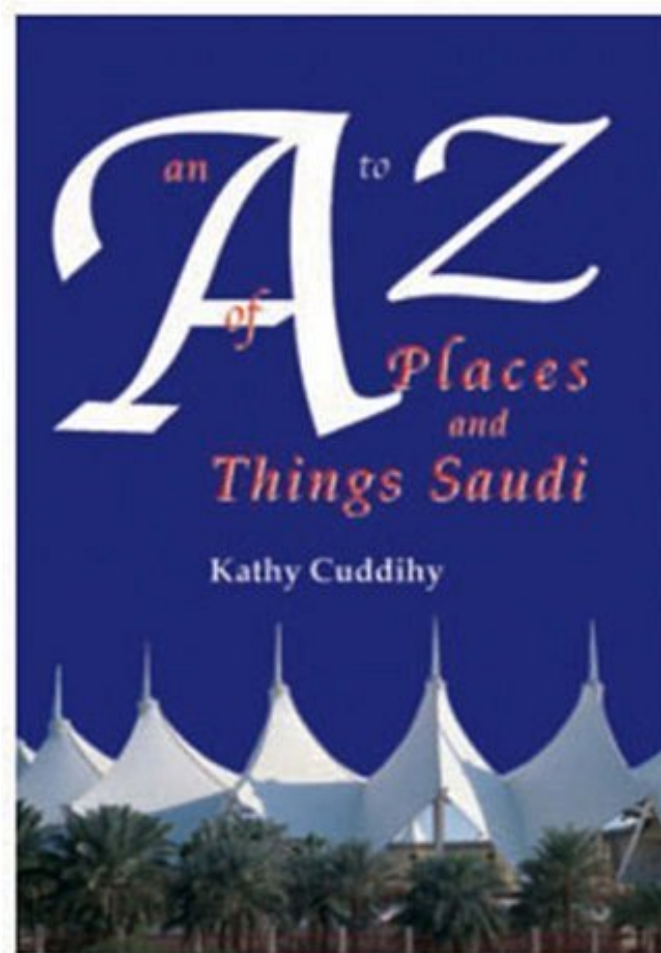


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Kathy Cuddihy : An A to Z of Places and Things Saudi before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised An A to Z of Places and Things Saudi:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Saudi "encyclopedia" ...By John P. Jones IIIKathy Cuddihy, and her husband, Sean, were long-time residents of Riyadh. Like many of us, she was reluctant to go there initially, but before she knew it, two to three decades had passed by. She was in the minority of "expats," (expatriates) who decided to stop moaning, and see what was beyond the compound walls. And all it took was slightly more than half of an open mind to realize that what was beyond those walls could be a place of utter fascination, which is why many of us called it the "Magic Kingdom."Her book is a straightforward "A" to "Z", as the title implies, listing of those items and places that seem to uniquely differentiate Saudi Arabia from the others. It is indexed, by letter, on the pages. The graphics

and pictures are of high quality, and it is printed on heavy duty paper by the publisher, Stacey International, which is noted for publishing numerous books on the Middle East. Its "imprimatur" means that the book contains nothing potentially controversial which could ruffle the feathers of local authorities. Even long-time residents of the Kingdom can find much of value in the "encyclopedia." For example, her explanation on Bedouin life. Yes, there nomadic life has drastically declined, and one major reason is the switch from raising camels to raising sheep, since the latter are much more profitable, but can only go much shorter distances without water. (Ah, those water trucks... yet another version of moving the mountain to Mohammed). The book also contains an excellent picture of the opening firework displays from the Al-Faisaliah tower, which was the first "skyscraper," 44 floors, 267 meters, in Riyadh. Her husband was the Director of Engineering and Construction. The book could have been improved with one or more indexes, such as a subject index, rather than being in straight alphabetical order. For example, one of the very best aspects of the Kingdom, from a global perspective, is the Red Sea underwater life. Yet, "scuba-diving" is not listed, and the subject is only briefly covered under "Red Sea" and "Farasan Islands." Still, what is covered is done accurately and authentically. And with the paucity of information, particularly that which can be described as "authentic" about the Kingdom, this book is an essential purchase for anyone with more than a superficial interest in the area. I even learned about Tarut Island and what "loomi" is, which managed to "escape my radar" in 20 years of life there. 5-stars.

This handy book takes you through the A to Z of Saudi Arabia, from the abaya to Zabaydah road, encompassing everything from dust devils to Makkah and marriage. Did you know for example, that Eve is said to be buried in Jeddah? Do you have any idea how a camel stores its water? With over 500 entries, enhanced with colour photos throughout, this is an invaluable reference for anyone learning about the kingdom, its traditions, customs and people.

About the Author Kathy Cuddihy lived in Saudi Arabia for 24 years. Her determined and successful efforts to familiarize herself with the nuances of Arab customs propelled her to social and professional prominence. She is widely recognised for her efforts in bridging the cultural divide between Saudis and expatriates. Kathy has written a number of related books, including, Saudi Customs and Etiquette, An A-Z of Places and Things Saudi, and Familiarity Breeds