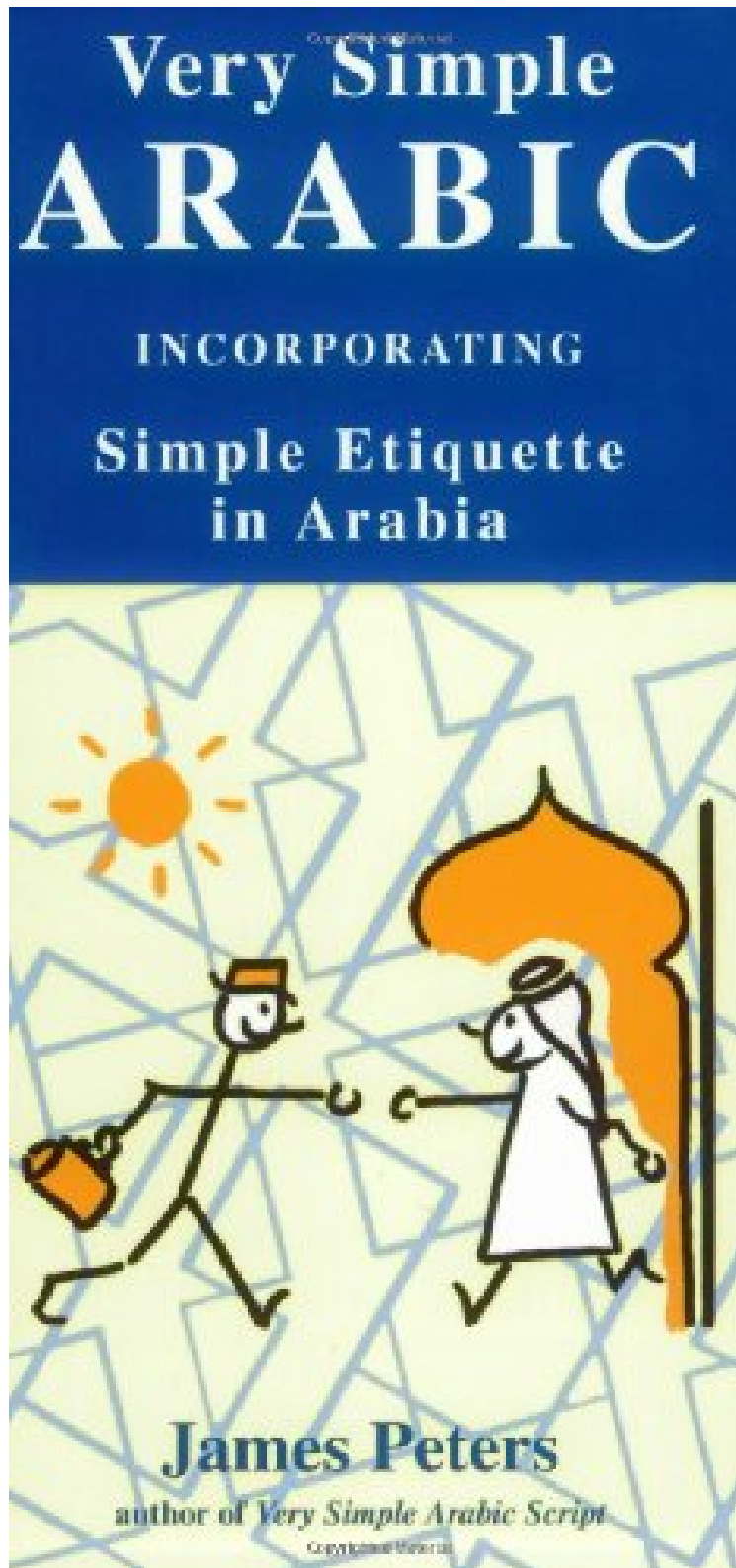


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"It should be compulsory reading for anyone visiting Arab countries." About the Author Author of *Very Simple Arabic*, *Very Simple Arabic Script*, *Very Simple Arabia* and *The Arab World Handbook*. An experienced Arabist, he studied Arabic at Durham University and the British Foreign Office Middle East Centre for Arab Studies in Lebanon. He has lived and worked in the Arab World as a soldier, diplomat and businessman for over forty years.