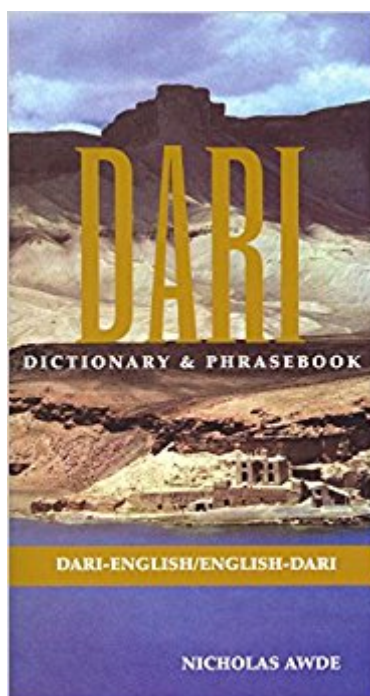


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Nicholas Awde is an author and linguist specializing in the Caucasus, the Middle East, Central Asia and Africa. He is the author of five books about the region, including *The Afghans*, *Pashto Dictionary & Phrasebook* and *Urdu Dictionary & Phrasebook*.

This is better than your average travel dictionary. I used it to good effect while stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Initially I wasn't very impressed with this book, but, as I'm about halfway through an intensive Dari first-year course right now, I've come to appreciate it more for its easy use in conversation. The first half of the book, as other users have mentioned, is a Dari-English and English-Dari set of brief dictionaries. The second half has topical vocabulary and phrases -- travel, shopping, education, relief & aid work, etc (As well as some less useful phrases - all the parts of a car?!). My general sense is that I went through the phrases when I first got the book then found them to be less useful,

but as I learn more grammar it's helpful to go back through the phrases and see how they're actually used. I'm required to write in Dari, so I would definitely have appreciated a book that had the script as well as the transliteration of sounds, but when I need a mental break from the Arabic script, working with the English is an easy way to absorb vocabulary.

Bulkin's *Dari-English/English-Dari Practical Dictionary* is better for in-depth mastery, but for a good and portable way to learn some vocab, Awde's not a bad place to start.

Good pocket option, basic grammar, words and sentences for different situations.

This dictionary is ideal for a traveler as it is divided into useful sections and the size is perfect for stuffing into backpack or coat pocket.

This is a great short dictionary and the pronunciation guide is spot on.

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The Anglicized versions of the terms are hard to work with at times and there is no Dari alphabet written ones to show the few people that can read over in Afghanistan. The phrase section is great though.

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