



THE BOOK IN BRIEF

PURPOSE & PERSPECTIVE

A Beginner's Guide to Crossing Cultures is what author Patty Lane calls a "skill-building journey into crosscultural relationships." Most books written on this subject focus on Americans living abroad. *A Beginner's Guide to Crossing Cultures* looks specifically at peculiarities of the United States' multicultural environment (U.S. born and foreign born). Lane says that it is a useful tool for anyone who finds him or herself in a relationship with someone of another culture.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Los Angeles is now the second largest Iranian city in the world.
- Chicago has more Poles than San Francisco has people.
- One-third of the world's Jews live in the United States.
- In the United States there are more Buddhists than Episcopalians.
- In California, 239 languages are spoken; in New York, 184; in Washington, 181; in Texas, 169.
- More than 400,000 international students from 181 countries study at American universities.

QUESTIONS POSED BY A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO CROSSING CULTURES

- How does my culture affect my behavior, my beliefs and even my understanding of what it means to be a Christian?
- What are the keys to understanding culture and its impact on relationships?
- How can I become better able to establish and nurture friendships with persons of another culture?
- What is God's purpose in diversity of culture?
- How does God want his children to respond to a multicultural world?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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