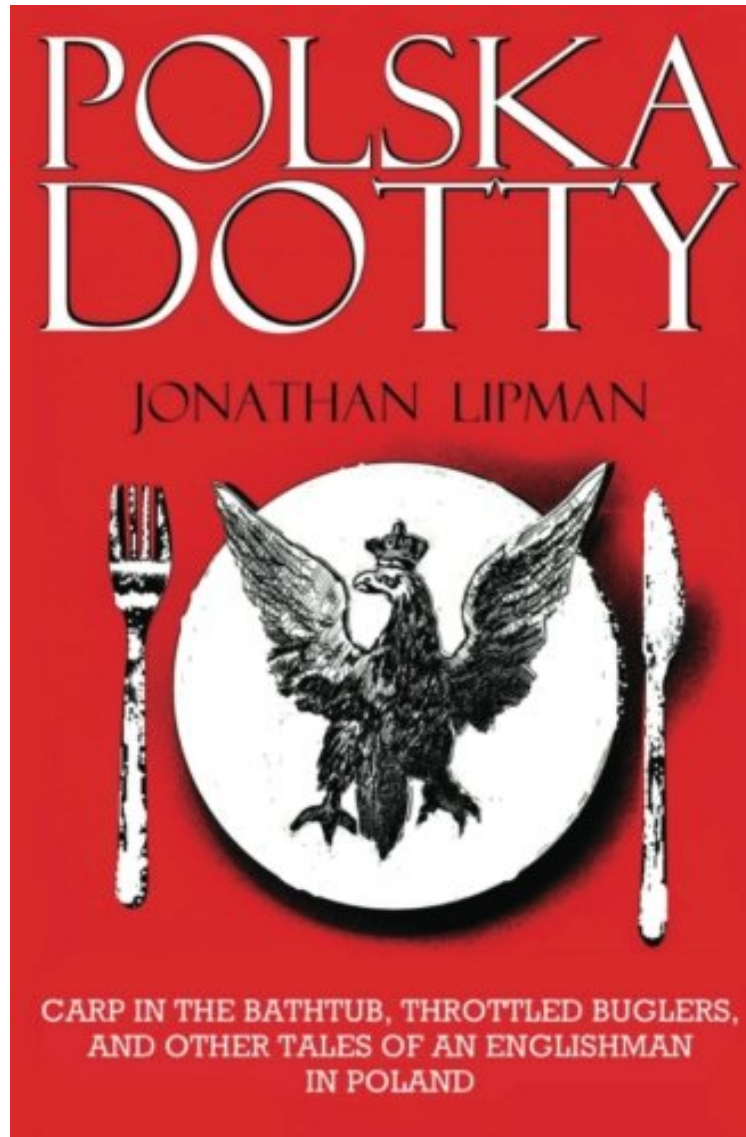


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cultural differences. The author is an Englishman who is married to a Polish woman. The book relates the story of their life in Poland - his attempts to learn Polish, understand the culture and 'what makes the Poles tick', integrate with her family, and learn about the country. It's a journey of discovery for both the author and his wife as he learns more about his adopted country and she sees her native country through a foreigner's eyes. There's a great deal of underlying humor in some of the cultural mishaps that the author experiences, but it's never of the 'Polish joke' variety. The author is frequently perplexed by some of the customs he encounters, but he always strives to learn about them in a very respectful manner. Along the way, he provides a great deal of interesting information about modern Poland as well as the historical Poland. The reader comes away with a much better understanding of the trials and tribulations of the Poles as a nation, and an increased respect for them. Highly recommended - this is light, fun, and easy to read, yet provides some very interesting tidbits of information and background on the Polish culture. Note on Kindle formatting: Good. There were a few minor issues, but nothing impacted readability. There are pen ink drawings scattered throughout, and they displayed well on the Kindle. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Too Personal By doctormama I enjoy cultural anthropology and have experience in Eastern Europe, though not in Poland, so I was prepared to like this book. In places it fulfilled my hopes, but it was more memoir than anthropology, and in places there was a "dear diary" approach that was off-putting. This author has a good capacity for observation and a clean writing style. Next time, I encourage him to tone down the beautiful-wife stuff and weave in more history, long-past and recent. This would make his travelogues more interesting and instructive.

ABOUT THE BOOK Are you travelling to Poland, and wish to know more about the Poles you'll encounter? Are you fascinated by this country of forty million, rich in natural beauty, cultured, and famous for its people's wanderlust? Have you ever wondered what makes your Polish plumber or waitress or doctor over here tick? What book do you pick for background and insight? A superficial travel guide? A dry history book? No! You need the genre-busting *Polska Dotty*. Follow the hilarious exploits of a newly-wed English lad and Polish girl as they settle in Poland and encounter corrupt Polish police, counterfeit software sellers, and scammy private doctors. Observe as Jonathan, under the watchful eye of Marzena, gets to grips with the Polish condition, and finally integrates - completing his rite of passage by learning how to down tumblers of vodka in one mighty gulp. *Polska Dotty* informs about every aspect of Polish society including its work ethic, family values, and the Polish character itself. This is a funny, heartfelt, sparkling read, a touching portrayal of an Englishman's submersion into Polish life.

"An utterly charming story of the ups and downs of an Englishman who tries to assimilate into a completely different world" - Cooltura "A cracking read... really is one of a kind" - Krakow Polska "A colorful introduction to Poland for readers who know little of the country" - Warsaw Voice "Guaranteed to offer invaluable advice and lots of laughs" - Inside Poland "Full of the kind of anecdotes that anyone who has moved to Poland from the UK will recognise instantly" - Krakow Post "A sympathetic insight into Polish society... a charming and informative book" - Hubert Zawadzki, co-author, *A Concise History of Poland* "Wonderful personal observations" - Cosmopolitan About the Author Jonathan Lipman is a lawyer moonlighting as author of the *Polska Dotty* books - or maybe the other way around. He lives with his Polish wife Marzena in Buckinghamshire, England, where they are preparing for the next flood by way of two girls, two cats, two fish, and (apparently) at least two of every generation of apple device ever built.