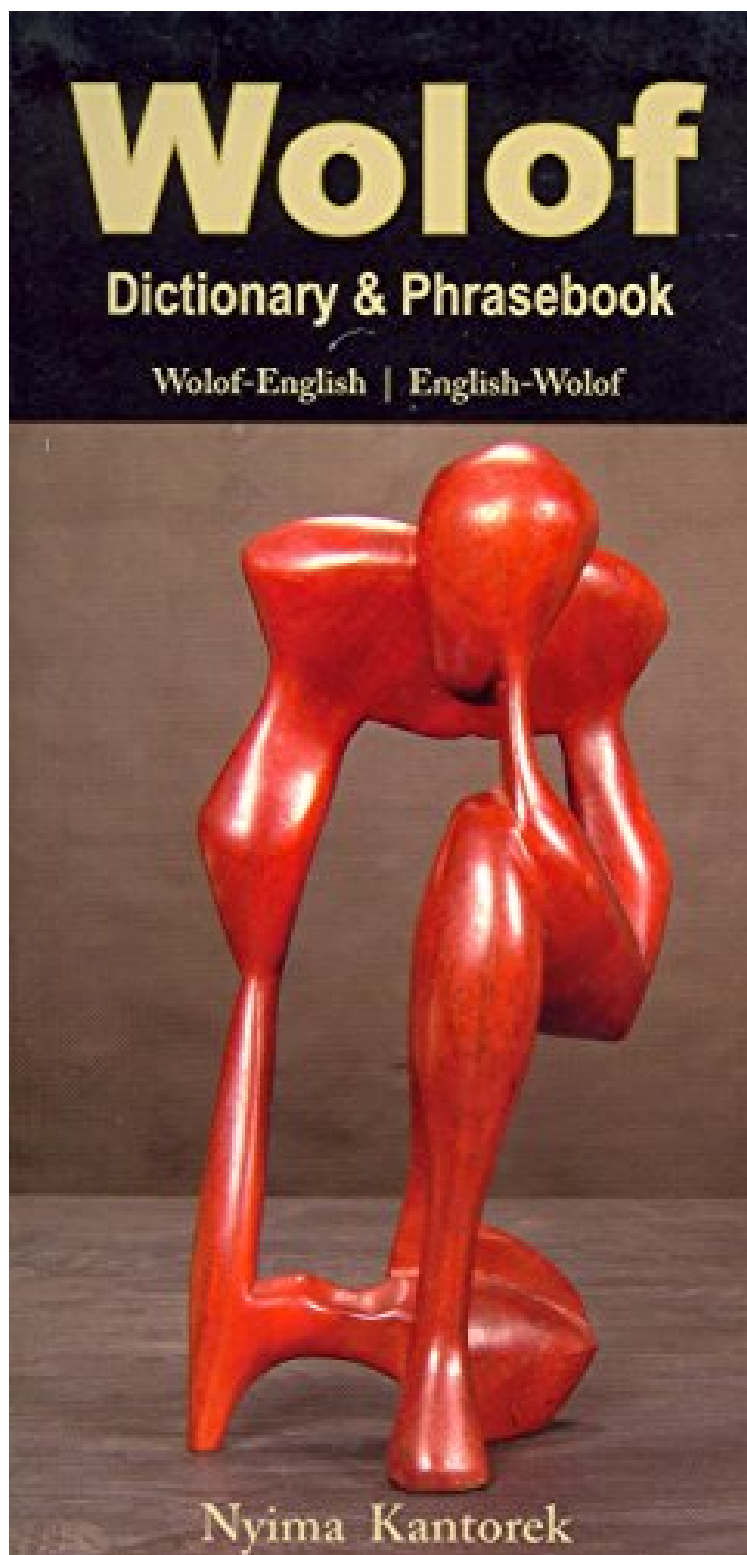


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Wolof is spoken by more than 5 million people in the Gambia, Senegal, and Mauritania. This bilingual dictionary phrasebook, based on the spoken Wolof of the Gambia, is an essential resource for travelers in the region. The Wolof orthography, unique to this volume, is specially designed to be user-friendly for English speakers. * More than 3,000 total dictionary entries * Comprehensive phrasebook * Easy-to-use pronunciation guide * Includes cultural information and a brief history of the Gambian people

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