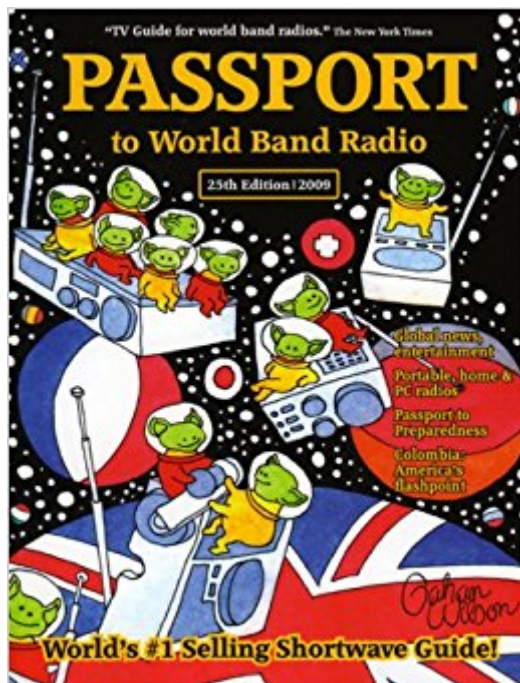


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Customer Reviews

Have a desire to be apprised of political developments in Swaziland or the Philippines? Wish to stay current on sports scores in Sweden or Uruguay? Then perhaps it's time to tune in to world-band radio, already heard by 600 million people around the world. Passport to World Band Radio 2002 can show you how. The New York Times has dubbed the Passport series the "TV Guide for world-band radios," and that's a fairly accurate assessment. Passport is dense--it's much heavier than its compact size suggests--with articles, program lists, equipment descriptions, and the Blue Pages, a comprehensive channel-by-channel guide to world-band schedules. Whether you're new to short-wave radio or a long-time listener, Passport is your ticket to adventure on the world's airwaves. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

With the right radio and antenna, it's fun to listen to English speaking stations from around the world. When on our sailboat in the Caribbean , in the early morning hours, we could pick up

broadcasts from places such as Turkey and New Zealand when conditions were right as Armed Forces Radio and Voice of America. While out of date, many of the station frequencies and times remain the same today. Now as a dirt dweller, I have a long wire antenna that doesn't offend the HOA, my SSB and this guide. Still fun to listen to the various stations from around the world.

I have renewed my childhood hobby of radios. I messed around with it for many months and got some good advice from the web but there is nothing like a GOOD BOOK. It has equip review of radios (receive only), antennas with detailed explanation of the who, what and why. Also it explains the world of SW or HF (shortwave or High Freq) radio listening world wide. They not only have freq and schedules ** they feature some different stations. Really quite excellent.** Schedule and Freq: If you want the latest than get the newest version of Passport. Freq's can change over time as stations move (some times). They do this for many reasons such as interference or changing atmospheric conditions. Never the less its an excellent way to get started in the world of radio. I know SW RADIO is a little RETRO in the world of cell Phones, iPhones, iPods, Internet, WiFi Internet, satellite radio & TV and cable TV, but there is a lot of information out there on the radio. THERE IS NOTHING LIKE THE THRILL OF GETTING A SIGNAL CLEARLY 8,000 MILES AWAY. I enjoy making my own antenna and improving it. I also work with the fairly new DRM stations transmitting digital audio over the SW freqs. Last night I was listening to Radio Cuba (in English) and it's very interesting to hear them report US news. Can you say Propaganda. There is so much to know its daunting, but this book is great in they way they explain with out talking down to you. Even Pros that have been at it for awhile will love it. They do detailed reviews of radios, two of which I have: TenTec RX320D and the Degen DE1103.

For people who are even only marginally interested in shortwave radio, this is the best resource available. It has information about almost every shortwave station in the world (at least the licensed ones), reviews/ratings of shortwave sets for readers interested in buying a radio, a schedule of airtimes for what the editors consider the best programs on shortwave and some fairly interesting related articles. One caveat: While Passport stakes a claim to being the "TV Guide of Shortwave Radio" because it makes some effort to follow schedule changes, not all the information about the stations listed is necessarily new. For truly up-to-date schedule information, get a copy of "Monitoring Times" magazine instead. NOTE: Since this review was originally written, the Passport has ceased publication. The only real alternate is the World Radio & Television Handbook (otherwise known as "WRTH").

Man, talk about the end of an era! Passport to World Band Radio was a serial publication that came out every year since the late 80's. PPWBR dutifully published the news of the arcane world of Shortwave Listening, or SWL. They published their last edition in 2009. I cried. Back when I was a kid in the middle of Kansas in the sixties, I would stay up all night "working DX" and listening to radio stations from all over the world. I would string up about 100 feet of copper wire, and plug it in the back of my Hallicrafters short wave radio, put on some army surplus headphones, and listen until I fell asleep. Eventually I became a Ham, and now both my sons are also Hams. But we still enjoy nailing a station, and usually bought the PPWBR publication for that year or gave it to each other at Christmas. When I heard they were ceasing publication I started hunting for used editions. I used and found every one. I am thankful I did, because some of these are getting tough to find. If you know a SWL'er, even the used editions would make good gifts..

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