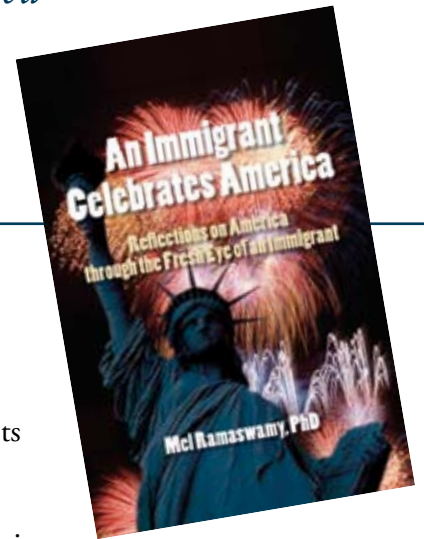




An Immigrant Celebrates America

Reflections on America through the
Fresh Eye of an Immigrant

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This book portrays, in a unique and light-hearted manner, an immigrant's observations of America over the past 25 years. It reflects an adjustment to mainstream America, keeping intact critical elements of one's ethnic heritage.

To an immigrant from India—a land so different in its makeup and traditions—America presents a panorama of experiences whose description is limited only by the writer's ability to document.

The book, with more than a hundred topics, mirrors the author's interactions with American ways. It covers a wide spectrum of experiences, from becoming a citizen to jury duty, from vegetarianism to favoritism, from solar to the VCR, and from the industrial to the academic world. One can instantly relate to such topics as finding things that fit, buying a car, clipping coupons, using foreign words in American lingo, carpooling, weather, the salad bar, walking, and comparison shopping—to name a few. Then there are little things that make a story, such as the lifecycle of a paper clip, a watch going into a coma, payday, and signs of change.

The book should appeal to all Americans and especially to immigrants who are trying to make America their new home.

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