



# Found in Translation: How Language Shapes Our Lives and Transforms the World

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### Editorial Review

#### Review

“Nataly Kelly and Jost Zetsche have assembled a treasure trove of interesting and entertaining stories to show how translation and interpreting affect all aspects of life. Anyone with an interest in languages – both spoken and signed – will enjoy this book.”

—Marlee Matlin, Academy Award-winning actress

“A fascinating book about language and the importance of translation. Kelly and Zetsche demonstrate how technology and translation help build communities and expand the quest for knowledge on virtually every subject.”

—Anthony Salcito, Vice President of Education, Microsoft

“Nataly Kelly and Jost Zetsche have done essential work in capturing the stories behind translation, and how we all experience its value every day. As they observe, ‘Right this very minute, translation is saving lives, perhaps even yours.’”

—Laura I. Gomez, Localization Manager, Twitter

“*Found in Translation* is a meditation, an exposé, and practical guidebook to humanity's continued, painstaking ascent of our monumental tower of Babel. Without language diversity, we would be intellectually impoverished, and with it we are enriched. But without translators to interpret and bridge that diversity, we would remain ignorant and isolated, locked each of us in our own native tongue's limited worldview.”

—K. David Harrison, PhD, Swarthmore College and National Geographic Society

“This is by far the most meaningful book on the subject of translation that I have ever seen. The authors have managed to entertain, inform, and show how translation impacts all aspects of our life, from health to business to entertainment and technology, all supported with real-life examples.”

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demonstrates to us all that translation and interpretation are the most intelligent weapons for triumphing in commercial, financial, or diplomatic settings.”

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“Nataly Kelly and Jost Zetzsche focus in on what is the core issue for diplomats, entrepreneurs, non-governmental organizations and everyday working people alike: language. With information now flowing both globally and instantaneously, translators and interpreters have already ascended into the ranks of the indispensable.”

—Sunder Ramaswamy, President and Frederick C. Dirks Professor of International Economics, Monterey Institute of International Studies

#### From the Inside Flap

Translation affects every aspect of your life - and we're not just talking about the obvious things, like world politics and global business.

Translation affects you personally, too. The books you read. The movies you watch. The food you eat. Your favorite sports team. The opinions you hold dear. The religion you practice. Even your looks and, yes, your love life. Right this very minute, translation is saving lives, perhaps even yours.

Translation influences everything from holy books to hurricane warnings, poetry to Pap smears. It's needed by both the masses and the millionaires. Translation converts the words of dictators and diplomats, princes and pop stars, bus drivers and baseball players. Translation fuels the global economy, prevents wars, and stops the outbreak of disease. From tummy tucks to terrorist threats, it's everywhere.

This book will help you see how the products you use, the freedoms you enjoy, and the pleasures in which you partake are made possible by translation.

#### About the Author

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Jost joined the translation industry in 1997, supervising company operations for a staff of 60 at a localization and technical documentation provider. He has led or participated in localization projects in many major software, web, and documentation environments. In 1999, Jost co-founded International Writers' Group in Oregon, where he lives today.

He is the author of A Translator's Tool Box--A Computer Primer for Translators, now in its ninth edition. Subscribe to his free computer-related Tool Box newsletter for translators at [internationalwriters.com/toolkit/](http://internationalwriters.com/toolkit/). Find him on Twitter as @jeromobot.

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