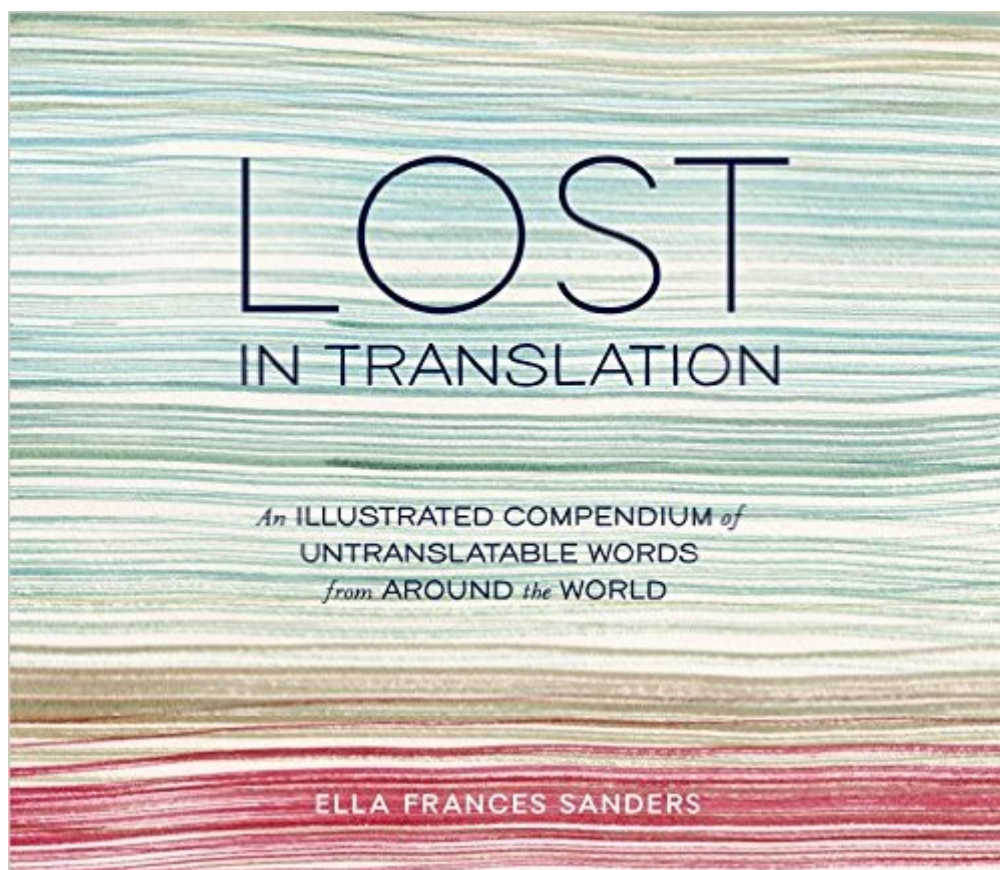


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# Lost In Translation: An Illustrated Compendium Of Untranslatable Words From Around The World



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An artistic collection of more than 50 drawings featuring unique, funny, and poignant foreign words that have no direct translation into English. Did you know that the Japanese language has a word to express the way sunlight filters through the leaves of trees? Or that there's a Finnish word for the distance a reindeer can travel before needing to rest? *Lost in Translation* brings to life more than fifty words that don't have direct English translations with charming illustrations of their tender, poignant, and humorous definitions. Often these words provide insight into the cultures they come from, such as the Brazilian Portuguese word for running your fingers through a lover's hair, the Italian word for being moved to tears by a story, or the Swedish word for a third cup of coffee. In this clever and beautifully rendered exploration of the subtleties of communication, you'll find new ways to express yourself while getting lost in the artistry of imperfect translation.

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If you've ever felt like you were at a loss for words, then this volume may help. It's 52 words from other languages that capture in a couple syllables emotions and moments that whole English sentences can't grapple with. I would have devoured this book as a 12 year old. Words to say the seemingly unsayable are right up my alley, then and now. Let's say somebody asks you how long it takes to eat a banana. A few moments ago that was a difficult concept to capture. But now you have the Malay word "pisan zapra." That's how long it takes to eat a banana. And next time you cup your

hand under a cold stream running with snowmelt, the word for how much water your palm holds is "gurfa." That one's German. And when somebody says something, and you think of a clever response after they're gone? The Yiddish call those "trepverter," or stair-case words. Hows about the Hungarian word "szimpatikus?" That word means a person you immediately feel good about, by your intuition and soul. And when you see that special person coming, you probably get "tiam." That's a sparkle in your eye. Or how about the word Brazilian word "cafune," which is the gentle stroking of a loved one's hair? And hopefully you have some "naz" people in your life, those who would follow you anywhere and love you all the way. That's an Urdu word. I also like the German word "waldeinsamkeit." That is the word for time spent peacefully in the woods, releasing our cares and breathing free. And the Japanese word "komorebi," which describes the green fire of sunshine through leaves.

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