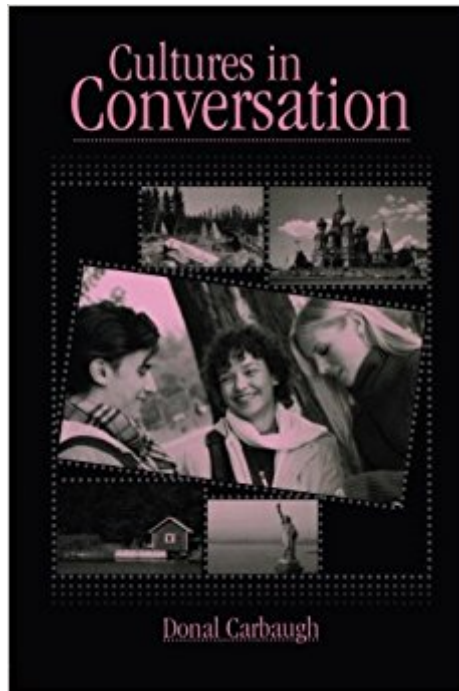




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This book makes an outstanding contribution to the study of cultural and cross-cultural communication. It is one of the very few books out there which does a detailed analysis of communicative practices in four different cultures - Russia, Finland, U.S.A., and Blackfeet American Indian. The author draws on numerous examples of naturally occurring speech gathered from his many fine ethnographic studies. Carbaugh demonstrates how the premises which guide

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I needed this book for a class and so far it's pretty interesting. There's lots of great information on intercultural communication.

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