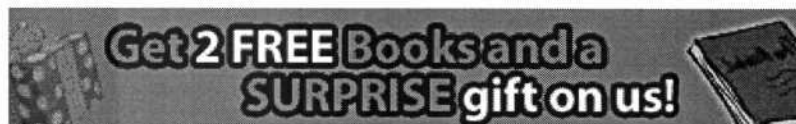




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Better pack this Grundig Mini 100 PE shortwave radio in the jet too, in case you have to make an emergency landing in the middle of nowhere. Lightweight and as small as a pack of cards, it has AM/FM stereo and headphones with six shortwave bands, a built-in speaker, LED tuning indicator, retractable antenna and removable belt clip, all in a leather-quality pouch. Countries around the globe broadcast in English so you can find out what's going on from Russia, the BBC World Service, China Radio International, Deutsche Welle, Radio Japan and Voice of America, among others.

Shortwave technology allows broadcasts to travel thousands of miles so you can keep up with world news even when cable and local radio antennas are down. Operates on two AA batteries (not included) and costs \$38 U.S. from Walkabout Travel Gear. (see item above for phone number and Web site).

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