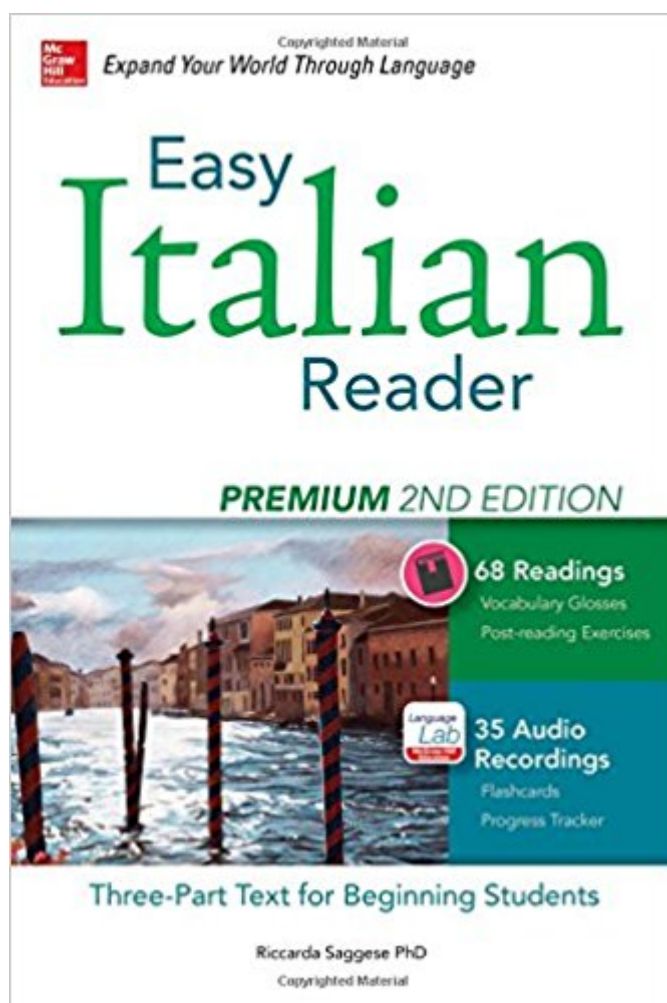




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## Customer Reviews

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I waited for this new version of the book to come out. It does not actually come with the audio recordings as I was under the impression it would; they are supposed to be available through McGraw-Hills Language Lab app, however, the book is not listed as one of the available books when the app is downloaded. I'm not at all happy.

After emailing and calling the publisher I'm sorry to say that what other reviewers said about the audio not being available yet was true. Although the cover of the book says the audio can be downloaded, it is not available. Finally, McGraw Hill enabled me to download the audio for the first edition. Other than that, the book is great. Getting the audio was quite a headache, though.

I struggled with how exactly to rate this book. The book itself seems excellent; it's not for an absolute beginner, but when you're ready to read passages, this is a great book to get started with. However, this edition has a flaw that (for me) severely limits how useful it is. A \*previous\* version of this book came with a CD-ROM; this version does not. Currently, you can download the McGraw-Hill Language Lab app. However, the app 1. doesn't have this book listed and 2. only has flashcards, which I have never personally liked using. There is also a website that is listed inside the front cover. While you can listen to the audio on the website, you can't download the mp3s. Also, my android phone won't open the app, as it needs software android doesn't support. So, I settled on 2 stars. I wanted mp3s so I could use this book on my morning train commute, which includes some areas where I don't get good WiFi signal. With mp3s available on a CD or via a website, the book & audio would be an excellent combo. However, it turns out not to be as useful as I had hoped.

Not for true beginners. I've been slowly (very slowly) learning Italian for about 2 years and I had trouble with quite a few words and a little bit of sentence structure. If you already have a foundation to go off of, you should be able to look up the words you don't know (the ones that aren't defined) and be fine. It comes with crosswords too which is fun.

After trying a couple of other potential textbooks and various other teaching material, the class, taught by a retired Italian Language Professor was chosen to a group of members to use as she started teaching them an hour a week, and it must work, because my wife can now speak Italian with her teacher and is getting ready for an eventual trip to Italy. My ease of learning languages is near zero, so she will do the talking for us.

The best way to properly learn foreign language is actually listen to what one is reading! There is well-known rules in learning and memorizing: the more senses one can engage the better result will come. I cannot even imagine this book (or any other study guides) without a CD-ROM, even if I have a privilege of a constant presence of a native speaker. The Easy Italian Reader consists of three parts (3-5 texts each), Answer Key, and Italian-English Vocabulary. The book takes reader on

a voyage of mastering the language by gradually increasing its structure in volume and difficulty. For example: Units 1-4: Text A. Questions (to reply) B. Questions (to write answers) Unit 5: same as above, plus extra text, extra questions, and crossword added. Further units enriched with dialogues, True-False questions, historical references, short novels etc. The CD offers not only audio but actual text in Italian and its translation in English. Simple and helpful - I love it!

I had been teaching myself through the Living Language Conversational Italian for about 6 months when I got bored of just studying words. I wanted a See Dick and Jane type book. Thankfully, this book isn't that simple but when it describes the father of Antonio as Parla bene l'inglese, il francese e lo spagnolo, I finally understood the relevance of learning masculine pronouns and I was able to go back to my original book and reread the explanation of which pronoun to use before a consonant, vowel and x or s followed by a consonant. There are many other examples of places where I found my original basic study turning into real conversation and I was able to go back to review and really learn. Yes, there are some words not in my small dictionaries, but very few and those I Goggled. I really enjoy replaying these cd's. It's a wonderful supplemental learning tool.

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