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I used the first edition of this book a number of years ago and liked it very much. Haven't gotten too far yet in this edition but have noticed a couple of annoying things: a) the original text is so old, they give currency values in lira instead of euro; b) have already found at least 3 errors in the exercise answers at the back, and I've only worked through the first 2 and a quarter chapters. The book is copyrighted 2000; surely, they could have done a corrected reprint by now! Hope if I finally get to the chapters on the more complicated verb tenses this time, that I won't be learning the wrong stuff! The book does do a good job of sequencing the lessons from simpler to more complex.

I used this to study Italian on my own last year while I was living in Italy. I studied using this book all winter and felt I was able to teach myself better than an instructor could at times. I've tried learning both ways, with a teacher and without. If you are a self learner, this book will work for you. Explanations are in English so it's great if you're a beginner.

This book is good for students of Italian who have already studied the language using another book for a few years. There are about 10 practice sentences for each new concept, which is good. New concepts are presented in rapid succession. There are about 60 new vocabulary words in each chapter. I've studied Italian for four years by taking a weekly class. I like this book as a review of what I should have already learned.

This book has helped me learn a lot about the Italian language! Much more than many other books. I like that there are actual questions in the book for me to solve. One thing I must point out though

and the reason I can't give it 5 stars, is that the book was published in 2000, which believe it or not, a lot has changed in the Italian culture and vocabulary in those 17 years. As I went through the book, I found quite a few instances that I believed incorrect and had to follow up with my friends living in Italy. They confirmed that these were old ways of doing/ saying things. But all in all, the book is still great for beginners!

Good solid book for learning the underlying grammar which is needed to correctly use the language but it is difficult to implement. Takes a lot of self study. Best if used in conjunction with other methods.

Love it

Haven't finished yet, but it is effectively designed for self-teaching. Practical with good grammatical foundation.

The layout is great! it makes it easy to learn with words exercises and just a lot of different ways to pick up the language. The only thing that would help it a little bit would be a cd, that would help with pronunciation. But that isn't something that takes away from the product

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