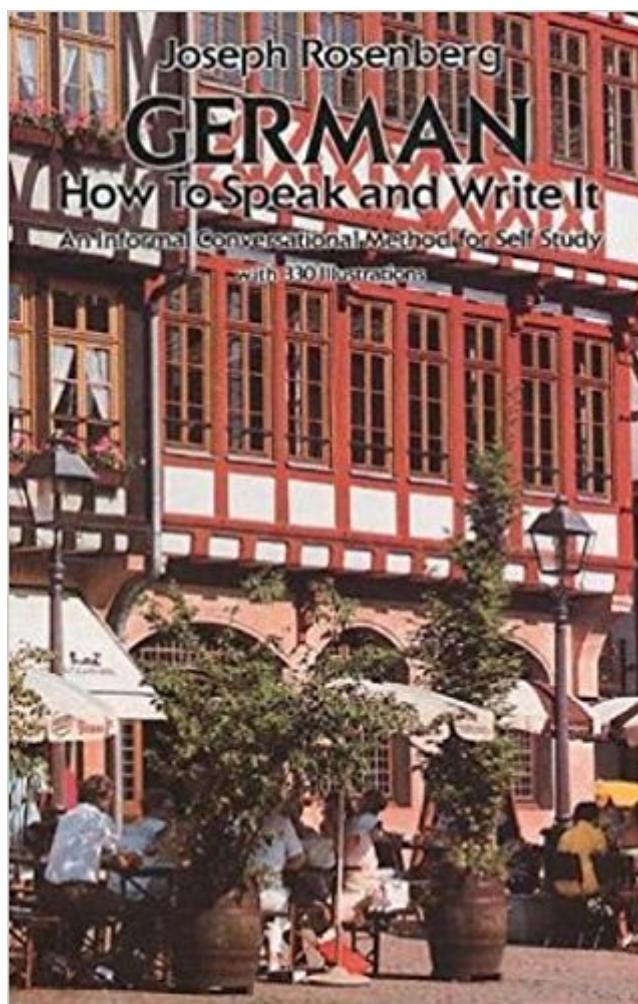


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German: How To Speak And Write It (Dover Dual Language German)



Synopsis

This is probably the most delightful, useful, and comprehensive elementary book available for learning spoken and written German, with or without a teacher. Working on the principles that a person learns more quickly by example than by rule, the author has put together a book that abounds in immediately usable German sentences and phrases on a wide variety of subjects. The student will find pleasure in the amusing sketches and drawings used to imbed new vocabulary firmly in the student's mind, in the many excellent photographs of cities and landmarks in German-speaking countries, and in the glimpses of German culture and custom subtly interwoven into the conventional material. The book, though eminently useful for self-study, is especially amenable to classroom use or study with a private tutor. The variety of teaching aids that this book places at the teacher's disposal is remarkable. The lessons contain dialogues, grammar and idiom studies (replete with examples), and extensive practice exercises. In addition there are 28 full-page and double-page sketches of specific scenes (a harbor, a zoo, a theatre, etc.) with pertinent items numbered and identified in German and English; sketches and photographs, which the student is asked to describe in German; German proverbs, jokes, and more. The dialogues and reading material encompass an exceptionally wide range of real-life situations, and are extended to include most of the basic vocabulary one would need in each situation. The analysis of German pronunciation is very comprehensive (and the simple phonetic system used in the early stages is readable by sight). The practice exercises are carefully designed to allow the student to use what he learned. The closing sections contain a summary of grammar, a guide to letter writing (with sample German letters), and a valuable study guide to German literature by Dr. Richard Friedenthal. The book differs from others of its type in that it gives more attention to the elementary stages of learning, and the rate of progress is less rapid than usual. This means that any intelligent person, even if he is an absolute beginner, can with sufficient application arrive at the end of the course confident of having acquired a solid foundation for further study.

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... highly recommended collection of useful French words will delight students of French and those seeking a stronger, more in-depth vocabulary.... the perfect language primer."

Good book, older language learning approach. As many mention it's not great on the grammar rules. should not rely on a single source for learning a language anyways, as each 'system' has its flaws. It's better to have multiple sources and repeat for reinforcement learning.

The method is great, but this book is not optimised for Kindle and the text is full of errors. I don't find that acceptable when it comes to a book that should help you learn a new language.

I spent a number of years with the US Army in Germany during my (mispent) youth, so I had a very rudimentary understanding of German vocab and grammar. This book jarred my memory, and, with study, allows me to actually begin carrying on conversations in German (with native-speaking Germans). It's all Hochdeutsch, rather than any of the local dialects, but just about every native-speaking German at least understands Hochdeutsch. Many, especially the more educated ones, actually comfortably speak it. If it's worth their while, and they're willing to speak Hochdeutsch in reply, we can converse. I expect that when I'm finished with this book, I'll be quite fluent. A great introduction to the German language.

I have the paper version, and think it's excellent. Wanted to get the Kindle version so I could carry it around with me. I can't read the pages though!! Way too small. Will probably remove it, since there's no use in it being on the Kindle. Very disappointed, because it's a very well written (though yes, I know a lot of the phrasing etc. is dated) and a very sound book in paper format.

What a joy! I studied German from this book fifty years ago purely out of linguistic curiosity. It was entertaining, easy to follow, funny, useful, friendly, and all such wonderful things. I am planning on visiting some German speaking countries and found this still available, albeit as an ebook. I am enjoying making its acquaintance again. I still have my dog eared copy of the original hardcover. I wish there was an audio CD as well.

I am studying German as an adult first year beginner. I have purchased a dozen or so books to supplement my fast paced and sometimes confusing or just "lacking" textbook. This odd little book is the most helpful gem! I find that I refer to it every time I study. Rosenberg, the author, has developed carefully a written way to help pronounce problem sounds. That alone is amazing. But best of all this book has built my confidence and my skills. After working through just the first lesson I could create more sentences off the top of my head than I could after several weeks of class. This book obviously was written in the '50s- early '60s time frame. Yet the only copyright says 2008 by a "bn corp"--is this Barnes and Noble? So you may be a little shocked to see drawings of people in 1940's attire and photos that look like they were taken after the war! It does seem more like a copy of a book so I agree with other reviewers that it probably won't look so good on Kindle. When I was in high school I had an excellent book entitled English 3200. It was a programmed guide to teaching everything about English grammar. The "sisters" at my school were tough about their English and we had to finish all 3,200 exercises as independent study. MY children found this book helpful when they were in school. So in looking for a helpful German Language book I Googled a search term something like this: "self taught German language in a programmed course" and this was the only useful result. I think if you study with this book you will be able to speak German sooner, with more confidence, and your current German studies will make more sense.

Very well written. Concise, clear to the point, and very informative. It was more than I expected to be honest, and I will keep using this as I learn.

The 30 lessons included in this book are well designed and helpful in teaching the basics to the students of the German language. One should have a good grasp of the spoken and written German, upon completing this program. My only reservation concerns the small print of the texts. It would be helpful if they would publish the book in two volumes of 15 lessons each, with a larger print and possibly format, instead of the present one volume. Visually challenged people, at this time, cannot get the full benefit of this book without the use of a magnifying glass.

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