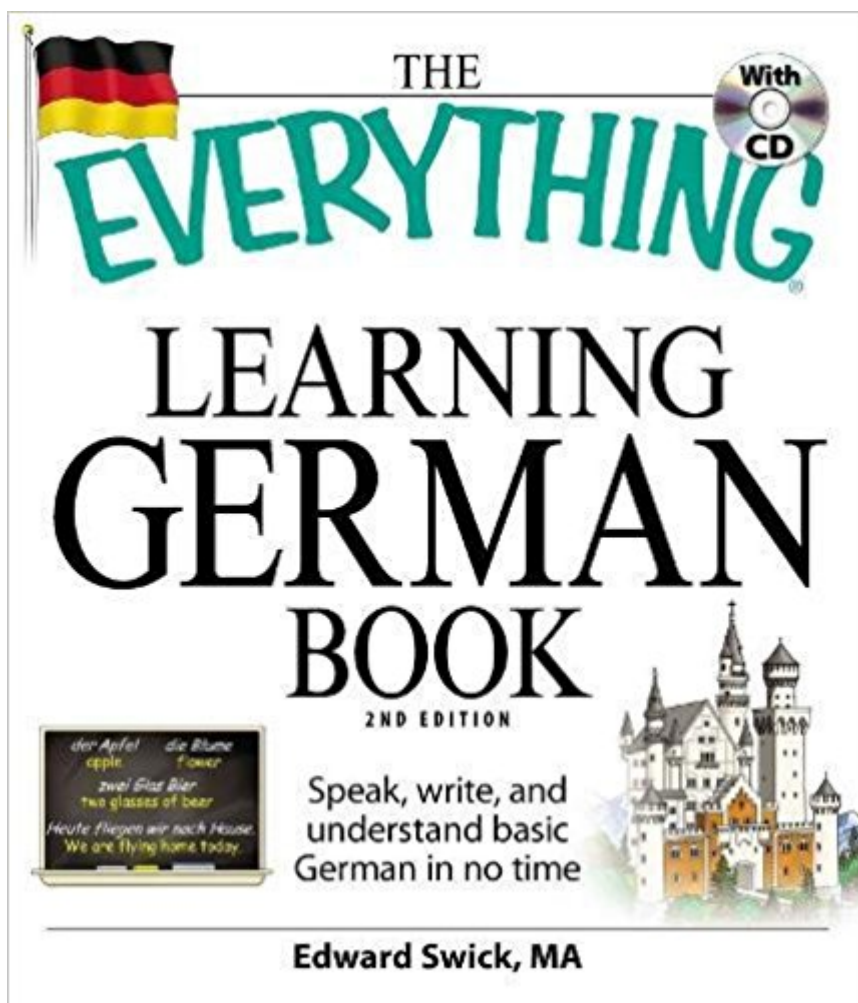


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The Everything Learning German Book: Speak, Write, And Understand Basic German In No Time



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Edward Swick, MA (Chicago, IL), has been teaching languages for more than thirty years. He holds

master's degrees in German, Russian, and English, and was a Fulbright scholar at the University of Hamburg. He is the author of several German, Russian, and ESL textbooks and wrote the first edition of The Everything Learning German Book and The Everything German Phrase Book.

I bought this book to freshen up my German skills, after nearly 8 years of not using the language at all. Before that I took German classes in high school for 3 years at a rate of 3 hours/week. This book is actually pretty good if you are looking to actually understand the German language. It isn't just a "useful phrases" book for tourists but it goes in depth about each topic it mentions. If you're a complete beginner, I highly recommend this book and if you're an intermediate learner, this book can be a good source to skim through quickly.

Pros:- The chapters are ordered logically- The theory is concise and well explained, in fairly simple terms- The chapters can be read chronologically, but as there are very few references to older chapters, you can freely read whichever chapter you want to

Cons:- The first 3 chapters are a bit of a bore and don't teach you much- The phonetic writing is horrible, the writer probably chose to do it this way to find sounds that are somewhat similar to words in the English language, but if you actually practice it this way, you'll just speak German with a thick English accent.- The exercises are rather limited, I don't believe beginners will be able to properly learn and understand the cases with such a limited set of exercises about the subject- It often feels like the vocabulary is just thrown in there, because they had to put in some words here in there, if you're looking to learn a lot of words, this probably isn't the right book for you

All in all it is a good read, but you shouldn't use this book only to study German, consider it as an introduction or a book to freshen up old skills and improve your German by actually getting books with grammar/vocabulary drills.

Helpful! Works wonders when combined with the DuoLingo app.

This was a gift for my nephew. He was very happy to get the book and is working on learning the language. He hasn't given me any update on whether the book is easy or hard to get started though. He said he definitely needed the CD to hear the words.

Great breakdown of the German language. I like that each chapter has exercises and there are sections on the included CD that go along with each chapter. Good to hear the language as well as reading it. I ripped the CD and put the mp3 on my Kindle. That makes it even easier to take along,

and I can listen in my van, too. I don't think the CD is great on it's own, though. There is really no instruction there, it's all just a guy reading in German. Not sure how this would be on the Kindle, but without the CD I'm not sure it would be worth it.

It is just what the description says. It is very detailed and easy to use. I bought it for my niece and she was reading it over the weekend and already can say 2 phrases. The audio CD helps a lot with pronouncing words.

This book is great for beginners. It has one of the most important elements--a CD for correct pronunciation. I have a book by Barrons "Learn German the Fast and Easy Way" which is a great book BUT does not have a CD. I tried to pronounce the words the best I could. Well, when I purchased "Everything Learning German" book and played the accompanying CD, I was shocked and horrified as to how off I was in my pronunciation of many German words. Thanks to the CD, I have corrected many badly mispronounced German words. Now, I can also re-study my other book "Learn German the Fast and Easy Way" and be confident that I will be speaking correctly. I love "Everything Learning German" book--so grateful!!!

I took one semester of German I in Junior College many years ago, and now that I'm retired I wanted to take it up again and learn more. I find this a good refresher course for my needs, to relearn the basics and go on from there. The book is up to date (example: we don't say Fraulein any more, not politically correct), and gives a very good insight into usage of the language in modern situations. The CD that comes with it is a very good aid to the pronunciation. The young man who narrates it speaks clearly and it's very easy to imitate his pronunciation. After I finish reading this book, I believe I'll be ready to take a second semester German course, perhaps at the local Goethe Institut.

I've learned a ton from this book, and I'm a german native. It answered so many questions about the german grammar, which none of my teacher's were able to clarify very well. This book is really simple, and a fun way to learn a language. Even for someone like me.

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