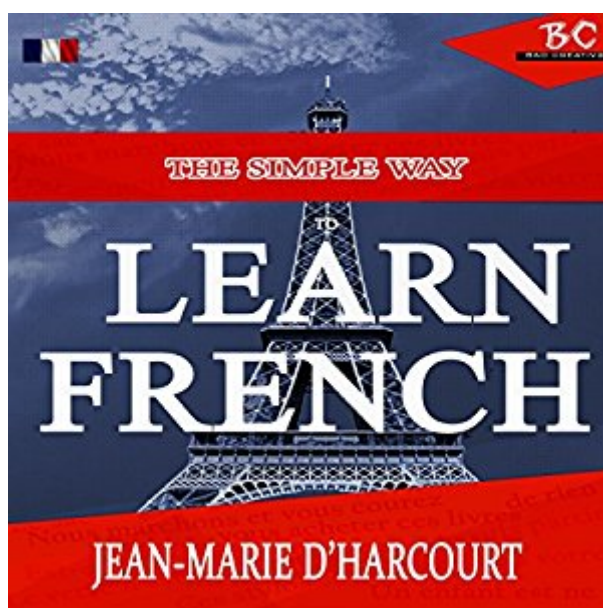


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The Simple Way To Learn French: English To French Edition: The Simplest Way To Learn French, Book 1



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

I bought both the kindle and paper editions. I love the presentation / teaching method. You get some simple vocab and testing along with a very short story or dialogue that you get in both English and French. This allows you to learn some vocab, see the vocab in use and context, and a means to test yourself. French can be learned by translating English to French or French to English. Each section is in small and digestible chunks. That said, as per the usual with technical, educational, reference kindle books - formatting and text re-flow can be slightly problematic and some of the

tables get cut off instead of wrapping if you have your page set too narrow for the font size you are using. Another issue is at the very first part of the kindle version (paperback version has not been received yet) is that the first part of the book tells you to cover the RED side of the book and translate the BLUE side. If you have changed your Kindle to show the pages and Black or Sepia you cannot see colored text. I have no idea why they did not just say Left and Right sides. Anyone that can read a book like this should know the difference between left and right. I wager that there are more color blind people that might be confused by this than language learners that don't know their left from their right. If you cannot see the blue and red then make sure to change your color setting to white and it will then display correctly. As for the level of the book - not quite novice as there are some grammar bits that it helps to know before hand such as how words that are preceded by 'the' (le, la) are contracted when they begin with h or a vowel. That is not the purpose of this book though so I do not hold it against it nor would I expect someone else to as it does not say that you will be learning grammar. The strongest feature of the book and its intent is mentioned clearly in the foreword: "This book contains a lexicon of some of the most used words in everyday French conversation. It makes use of the age old learning techniques of repetition and rote memorization, in an attempt to condition the brain for learning French as quickly as possible. In addition, an auxiliary feature called story mode has been included to aid the reader in a test for comprehension. Finally, it should be noted that while this book will aid in a visual recognition and comprehension of words in the French language..." For most learners this book will succeed at those things and do so quite well in my opinion. While only containing 205 pages or so, they are packed tightly with vocab, short phrases, dialogues, and stories to practice with. You can translate / read English to French or French to English. Each section is short enough that you will avoid burn-out and stick to it long enough that you will feel like you learned a lot before you move onto the next chapter. By the time you finish this book you will have a great foundation for French via context and vocabulary along with the starting skills to produce, understand, and read some French and assuming you pick-up the audio portion, to understand some spoken French and even speak some assuming you practice. Side note - sometimes the short phrases such as what this book uses don't look applicable but use your head a little and you will see that maybe you don't think that you will ever use a phrase such as, "I have begun to live alone" that you can turn into a near infinite amount of phrases by dropping "live alone" and adding other vocab from the book or new vocab to "I have begun to...". I only point that out because I see so many language instruction book reviews in which people complain about phrases that they will never use. By changing around a few nouns, verbs, adjectives, adding or changing an adverb, etc. you expand many times what you are directly taught.

This applies to most all language courses and not just this book. I am using this book as an additional tool to my other French learning tool but even if I was starting from scratch this book is a good starter for those new to French but supplemental grammar is needed as this does not explain grammar rules and is not intended to. It is also a good additional tool for those already in the process of learning and gives you some additional reading and mental exercises that you can add to your daily readings. Rating notes and a heads up - I did mark it down from a 5 to a 3.75 (rounded to a 4 as 3 is too low IMO) because the kindle version does not have accent marks in the RED side of the vocab / phrase tables. When my print copy arrives I will update this review if it has the same issue I will send it right back to for a refund. I don't mind \$4 for some errors but \$11.50 is not acceptable for the accent mark errors. The dialogues / stories appear to have them so I have no idea why they didn't type them in the translation tables. They require the same Windows ALT codes or Mac CMD codes. An example would be ou means 'or', but oÃfÂ means 'where'. The section that shows 'where' in English shows 'ou' for the French translation, which is not correct since the accent mark is missing from the French translation and is thus, a completely different word. Any other words that are identical less accent marks will also have this issue. My saving grace is that since I am using other tools for French I am already aware of accents but if I was new to French I would get bad habits right out of the gate. Since the book is new I have yet to note all of them but if they fixed this up, I would give it a 4.5 or 4.75. I hope the next volumes in this series don't have this error as it is so simple to avoid and shows a bit of laziness. The content is solid and the goal of the book matches the content but the issues with accent marks needs to be fixed pronto. I am really looking forward to the following volumes.

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