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Synopsis

Written to fill the need for a core text in third-year German conversation and composition course, *Der treffende Ausdruck* became, upon publication, the leading book in its field.

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Text: German

I am a German major at Ithaca College and this book was recommended to me by my German professor because I always ask questions about little discrepancies in meaning. I went through this book on my own, memorizing the vocabulary and doing the exercises and made great progress at least in my understanding of the little discrepancies. There are still things that come up about which I'm not sure, but this book really solidified some of the more notable differences for me. My professor used this book when he was studying German at Stanford under the instruction of the author, Brigitte M. Turneaure. This kind of book is definitely very useful for those at an advanced level of German. Once you know the grammar of a language, I think these little discrepancies become more important and more of an obstacle. Excellent book if you're willing to work independently with it with motivation.

The reader is well organized and still incorporates some grammar points and vocabulary. Good for the intermediate German student.

This is a very interesting book. I would recommend it to anyone who is interested in learning German.

Clear and legible printing on nice, flat, uncreased, white pages. I just can't read German. I hope my daughter will be able to after this semester.

This was my textbook for fifth and sixth semester German. I thoroughly enjoyed using this textbook for several reasons: (1) The reading passages at the beginning of each chapter are sufficiently advanced to challenge students in the third year, but are not so advanced as to make trying to read them futile. (2) The "Grammatik" (Grammar) sections are nice, in that they succinctly lay out the finer points of grammar using both text and example sentences. (3) In the "Das passende Wort" sections, readers are taught the differences in context among many German verbs and nouns - especially helpful when German has several different words for a single English word. My only complaint with this book is that, as a student, it would have been helpful from time to time to have more examples here and there of some of the trickier grammar and context material. Overall, excellent!

The second edition of this third-year college German textbook has added communicative activities to its basic format of (mostly literary) readings and grammar review. It does not yet reflect the German spelling reform ("Rechtschreibreform"). As a fairly traditional textbook that reviews grammar accurately, initiates students into the finer points of German usage, and leaves the teacher free to supplement the textbook information with classroom activities of his/her own choosing, this is still one of the best.

A brilliant book: the grammatical sections in particular seemed to deal with just those finer points that I couldn't get my head around and are not easy to track down in formal grammars.

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