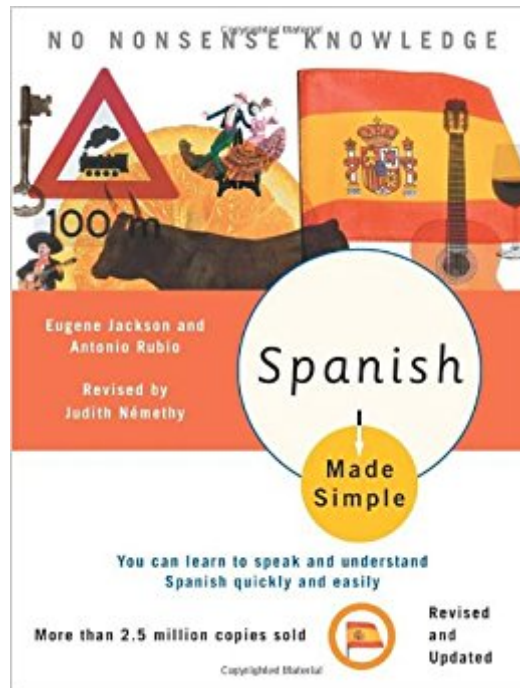


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For almost four decades, Made Simple books have set the standard for continuing education and home study. In answer to the changing needsof today's marketplace, the Made Simple series for the '90s presents a thoroughly up-to-the-minute portfolio of skills, information, and experience, with revised and updated editions of bestselling titles, plus a whole range of new subjects from personal finance to office management to desktop publishing. B & W illustrations throughout --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Text seems well planned (haven't gotten too far along yet!). I bought this for the kindle, so my review is on the electronic version of the book. The option to change font size does NOT work properly and if you make the font larger the display just runs out of sight. Changing the kindle to landscape helps a bit to get a larger view without each sentence running out of sight, but there are still limits to how big you can make the text. (Making the text larger is one of the best things about electronic formats - if your eyes are tired you can still read!) I was a bit disappointed in this, there does not seem to be any way to scroll over and see the rest of the text if you have enlarged the font (using kindle voyage). I have tried playing with options for margins and line spacing but nothing I have done allows the font to go beyond a certain size before it just cuts off the end of all the sentences of the page (instead of moving them down so you can continue reading).

I'm a casual user of Spanish. I've used, off and on, the original paperback version of this book for over 20 years. I vacation often in Mexico and have recently been to Spain. I'm comfortable with its "dialogue" format. I feel that I'm learning the language - not just picking up phrases to use in certain situations. I've tried Rosetta Stone and prefer this to merely parroting sounds. It's mix of dialogue, vocabulary, grammar and syntax has built, I feel, insight into the workings of the language which has generalized to a comprehension and familiarity beyond the book's lesson plans. I've received compliments from native Spanish speakers on my comprehension, pronunciation and skill regarding verb tenses.

This book appears to be more suited to people who are American and wanting to travel to Central and South America for work purposes in particular, but only covers basics so is actually unlikely to be of great use except to show the politeness of 'trying' to speak the language of the country. Some of the example conversations are pedantic (just get plain boring?) and overly basic for a serious student of the language and it all gets rather tedious. It covers some travel-useful material and some basic general rules, vocabulary and grammar, supposedly in a 'natural' way, perhaps directed at an adult learner rather than a general student population. I used the e-book version which works quite well.

The rating is for the book itself, which is fantastic. It spends very minimal time on explanations and grammar notes - just what's necessary. Instead, it exposes you as much as possible to the language itself, through examples, starting simply, and quickly building on what you've learned (but

not so fast that you're overwhelmed - at least I'm not). It feels like a very effective and gentle way to learn - not a lot of concentration has been required. The kindle book includes tables, with, say, Spanish examples on the left, and English examples on the right. My Kindle 3/Kindle Keyboard has serious problems when a table is larger than a single page, in that when you hit "next page", it skips past the table. This makes it essentially unusable on a Kindle. :(It works fine on Kindle Fire, and probably other non-Kindle device readers, but if you're buying this for a normal eInk Kindle, I can't recommend it currently (I don't know that it's the publisher/editor's fault, seems like more of a Kindle software glitch to me, although I do seem to remember Kindle formatting guidelines advising against the use of tables in eBooks).

Fantastic book. I'm doing one page a day. There's lots of repetition, an English/Spanish dictionary in the back of the book, as well answers to every quiz. If you want to learn Spanish, this is the book for you!

Good product!

Purchased for wife who is taking a Spanish class. She and others in her class have noticed some spelling errors of Spanish words in this book. Makes it a little bit of trouble with those errors but workable.

In only a few weeks, to my amazement, I found myself speaking not perfect but somewhat effective Spanish and thinking a few words in Spanish. I was trying to communicate with a recent immigrant who did not understand English and before I realized what I was doing, I spoke in elementary Spanish. He understood me, and I understood him. I am going to continue with this book every day. If only I had more opportunity to use what I am learning, I probably would progress beyond the elementary stage.

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