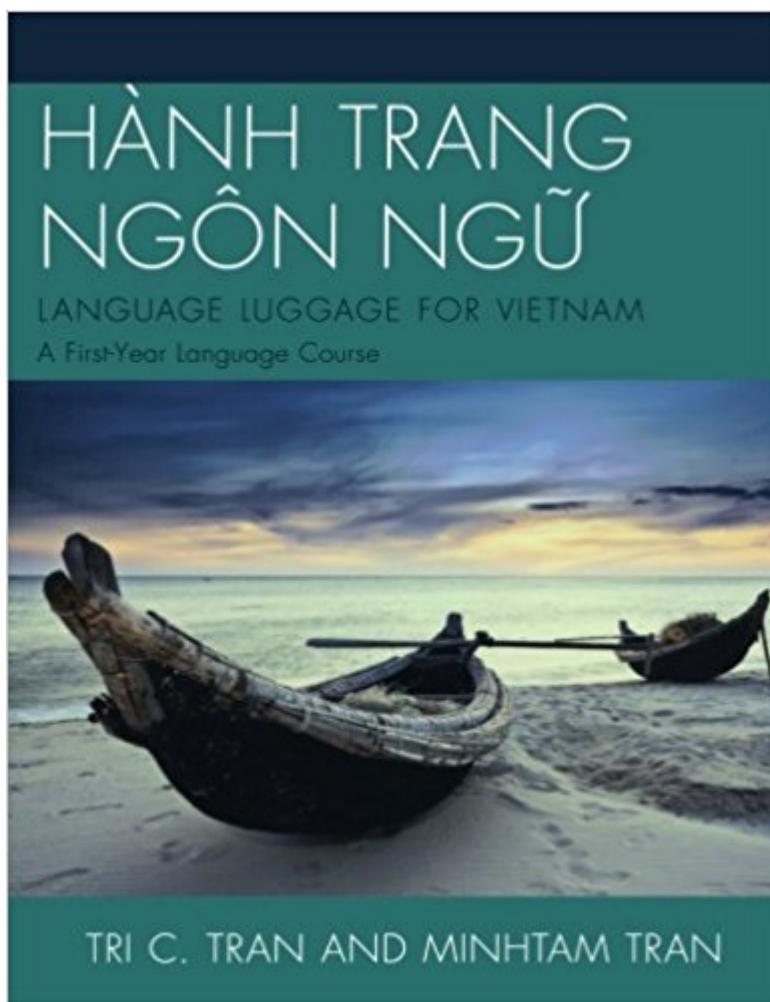


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# HÃ€NH TRANG NGÃ”N NG?: LANGUAGE LUGGAGE FOR VIETNAM: A First-Year Language Course



## **Synopsis**

This first-year Vietnamese language textbook introduces college students to all aspects of the Vietnamese language and culture in twelve comprehensive chapters. The book is enhanced with an answer key to the exercises, grammar indices, and full vocabulary lists.

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Excellent book, good learning source and walks you through all aspects of the language. My only caveat is that it mixes the Southern and Northern dialects with a bias towards the Northern. That being said, it is very difficult to find any Vietnamese language course that teaches exclusively in the Southern Dialect. This book is not for the beginner or novice learner of Vietnamese, you should have a fundamental understanding of the language if you want to use this book.

received- 1 September 2015 This book was required for my Vietnamese language class, the book itself goes over basics of the language such as; use of nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.. along with

time of day, simple dictionary, proverbs. There are some things that my professor disagrees with this book for example time of day, also some typos. Some questions are not specific.

Paper ripped off and this is my replacement book. The first one was upside down with the cover

Very easy to follow and each chapter encourages vocabulary building. It's great for anyone learning the language . I will buy the next lesson book when when I finish with this one.

I was forced to purchase this book for a Vietnamese 101 class. Maybe the positive reviews make sense for native speakers looking to study Vietnamese formally, but as an instructional textbook for nonnative learners in a beginning class, I have never seen a worse textbook in my life. Vietnamese is my 3rd foreign language and I taught ESL professionally for years. I have used a LOT of beginning-level textbooks in various languages and I have never had cause to complain about them before. The methodology in this book is appalling. Untaught grammar and vocabulary pervade almost all of the exercises. Even the grammar that is officially taught is often needlessly immediately combined with other complex unexplained grammar concepts. Additionally, I could laugh at how many times the author has used untaught vocabulary to teach grammar. Not only that, but for the nonnative learner, the short grammar explanations are ridiculous. Glancing forward in the book, I can see that Ch. 4 (Ch. 4 of a beginning level book!!) attempts to teach the present progressive tense, the past perfect tense, two forms of the future tense, and the past tense ALL AT ONCE and he only took about a 1/2 of a page to do it. Nevermind that the author didn't even bother explaining that there are no verb conjugations for the present simple. On top of all of this absolute nonsense, the book frequently fails to teach vocabulary in a productive manner using modern methodology. Why are we given a secondary reading selection in each chapter that is ALL new, extremely high level vocabulary? Why am I learning the words "forefathers", "fatherland", to work in joy", "ten thousand years", and "proverb" in CHAPTER TWO of a LEVEL ONE textbook? When the authors take the time to actually understand modern teaching methodology, perhaps they will develop a logical book. I suggest they order a well-rated level 1 Spanish book and look at the structure. Until then, buyer beware.

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