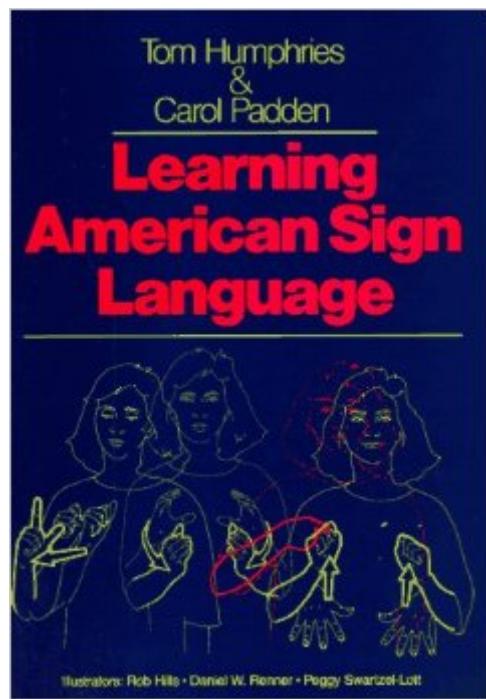


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# Learning American Sign Language



## **Synopsis**

Written by two leading authorities in the field, this book is designed to help learners successfully interact with deaf American Sign Language (ASL) users. It is also used as the basic text for a course in ASL. Lessons are structured around language needed for common life situations, and the book is also supported by a videotape.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I'll admit that when I purchased this book, I was doing it more for an addition to my library than for actual use. Being a Deaf American Sign Language teacher, I'd often used several other basic ASL books and thought them sufficient, to a point. However, when I got my hands on this book, I was thrilled with the extra mile the writers and illustrators went when producing it. This book is similar to "A Basic Course in ASL," and some may find it hard to discern between the two. However, this book has many more practice sentences and conversation. Many more opportunities to use your new-found skills. Many more illustrations. There is use of slang and idiomatic language that isn't found often in other resources. You can purchase a videotape to accompany this book. If you are learning on your own, that really is a must-have. Otherwise, this book offers a full course in beginning your trip to understanding true American Sign Language (versus Signed English or Contact Sign). Highly recommended by this deafie! :v)

I used this text for my ASL 1 and ASL 2 courses in college, and I think this text was better organized

compared to some other texts for learning sign. However, some of the pictures are a bit difficult to decifer and some of the signs are repeated throughout the text. I would like to see the video and the text as a package deal for fifty one dollars, perhaps that would be more worth one's money.

This was a text I used in Beginning ASL II. There is a supplemental video that goes along with the book as well. While there is tons of vocabulary used in this text, most of it is used the the Pacific Northwest area. This is not a great book if you're taking classes in the midwest or even the south. I was really glad that I had a professor that could show me local signs in my State/City/neighborhood. There is some examples of ASL grammar included, but nothing hard and fast. As I've learned, the grammar has been easier to pick up. The video I mentioned is very helpful since most of the exercises revolve around certain scenes that are acted out. There are some weird camera angles during a few black and white "intermissions".

We used this book as a manuel for my ASL1 and ASL2 class. It was well organized but the pictures are bad and hard to understand. It is not worth the money.

This book may have poor pictures. It is not designed for self-taught or self-help for learning ASL because it is more like a 3-D language. It must accompany with an qualified teacher who can demonstrate in a class. It is highly recommended for those who do not plan to major in linguistics or interpreting. It is student-friendly materials for fun learning and appreciate the language of ASL. It also has a videotape that will reinforce the drills learned in each unit

This book was required text for an American Sign Language class at my college and, frankly, I felt like price for the recent (It's too old to be considered "new") edition cost way too much. I found that I made the right decision in purchasing the older edition because all they did in the recent edition was change the names of the people in the dialogues and, added in a few more practice sentences (boo). Very rarely was there an additional sign in the edition they used, and it wasn't a big deal (only about 1-2 signs, total). This book is awesome, but they are ridiculous about the price of the newer version.

Great book for the first two semesters of sign language. There is a newer edition, but if you're looking for inexpensive, this edition will do. Because ASL is a visual language, however, you really need someone fluent in the language to help you use the book. Static, 2-D drawings can be hard to

understand.

Great book I've learned so much since I've had this book! Awesome for my job because I come into contact with people from the deaf community every now and then now I can finally help them out. Without this book id still be trying to learn asl from switched at birth.

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