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# Learn Italian The Fast And Fun Way (book And CDs)





## Synopsis

Updated with helpful facts and tips for international travelers, new third edition of Learn Italian the Fast and Fun Way book with audio CDs is suitable as a language teacher for adults as well as for older children. This program instructs beginners in the basics of reading, writing, understanding, and speaking the new language. The book lightens language-learning routines with cartoon-style illustrations, language games, and puzzles. A set of vocabulary flashcards and a small staple-bound bilingual dictionary booklet are bound into the book's spine and can be easily removed for supplementary use. All Fast and Fun Way books, available in several languages, can be purchased alone or in a sturdy carrying case suitable for travel and including the buyer's choice of tapes or compact discs. The audio resources present dramatized bilingual dialogues that complement the material in the books and introduce language learners to correct pronunciation.

### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

Book and Audio CD Packages Available in: French \* German \* Italian \* Japanese \* Russian \* Spanish & Aprenda Ingles Facil y Rapido (Learn English the Fast & Fun Way) Itâ ™s easy... Itâ ™s practical... Itâ ™s fun! In just minutes a day, youâ ™II pick up the language you need for most everyday situationsâ "from meeting and greeting people to asking directions and handling simple business transactions. Youâ ™II learn the basic vocabulary for: introductions \* finding your way \* entertainment \* dining \* shopping \* banking \* using the telephone and mail services \* medical help and emergencies Plus: days of the week \* months \* seasons \* weather \* time \* numbers \* basic grammar \* even a guide to road signs! The bookâ ™s pronunciation guide helps you to speak \* CDs give you the sound of the language as it is spoken \* Pull-out bilingual dictionary also contains a food and drink guide, wine list, and tipping information \* Vocabulary cards give you practice with words and phrases

This is the second copy of this book I bought, having lost the first one during a move. This is a great book to either use in a class setting or to teach yourself Italian. Its laid out well, progressing from easy to more difficult as it goes. Not confusing at all, the exercises are terrific, I can't say enough good things about it. Combined with an Italian dictionary it makes a great self teaching book.

I bought this for a class. It has some basic things to learn but it wasn't organized very well and it used some phrases that aren't used when you go to Italy as a tourist. I think there are some better basic books out there that will help with everyday uses at the market, train station and shopping. If it wasn't for the class, I would not have purchased this.

I ordered this for an adult continuing education class that I am taking - Beginning Italian. This is truly a fun book - much better than the old French textbooks I had in high school. It is well illustrated, words are spelled phonetically, and it moves at an nice pace (not too elementary, but also not too challenging.) There are no audio tapes, but I have the advantage of a weekly class with an Italian instructor who is from Italy. The book comes with some flash cards and a small dictionary. The list price is \$18.95, but sells it for less.

I purchased Barron's "Learn Italian the Fast and Fun Way" because it was the textbook for a short course in Italian offered by a resident in the community where I live. The material in this book is very helpful and lots of fun. The illustrations are good and help with learning Italian words and phrases. The dialogues have helped our class with pronunciation. There are also many exercises to help reinforce the material. About the only negative is the lack of information on past and future tenses in the Italian language. It would have been helpful to have a section on constructing those tenses, as past participles were included here and there without explanation. There is a helpful dictionary of essential words and a menu reader in the back of the book. My wife and I plan on taking this attachment to Italy when we travel there in April 2013.Learn Italian the Fast and Fun Way

I thought it was on DVD mis read the ad

I have been teaching Italian to adults for 36 years and have used this as my basic text in addition to my own materials. It is na very basic good beginning text covering not only dialougs but pronunciation and answers to exercises. Students can learn on their own. Clear,concise and my students have always liked it. I also used it for my beginning ninth grade students.Highly recommend it!!! Grace Pergolizzi (italian teacher)

This is a must book for those wishing to learn to speak Italian. The progression from level to level is easy and comfortable. I have purchased several similar study books and this is by far the best. This version also happens to be the required book used at one of our local City Colleges extension course.

This book is, as the title suggests, casual and as "fun" as a language text can be. It is full of the words and phrases travelers will need to be familiar with to make sense of what is going on at the airport, hotel, etc. Those of us who need grammatical underpinnings to help remember things like different endings of words will need to untangle that part on our own because the book underplays the grammar and emphasizes the idioms, which I found confusing. Some of us take to that approach easily and others do not. The cassettes (available with the second edition) are good for getting the sound of the language into your head. They should be made available in CD format and/or on line, so that they are easier to use. Useful and accessible book, but you will need a good dictionary (no glossary and no way to look up topics) and a good verb book at minimum to explain what this book does not.

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