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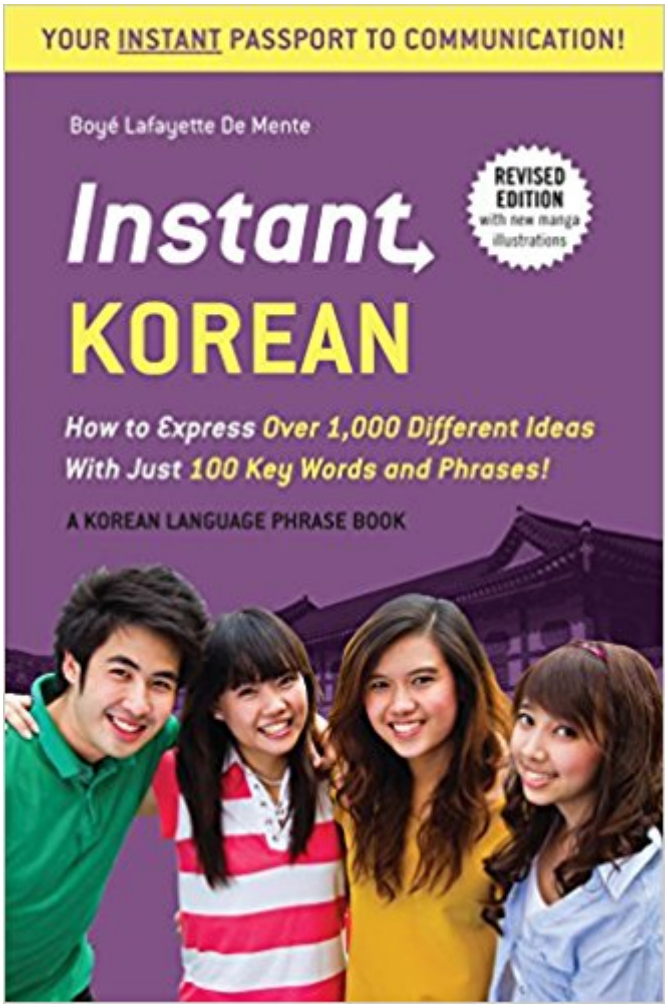

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Synopsis

It’s amazing how 100 key words and phrases provide instant communication!Do you want to speak simple Korean but are too busy to study it? Are you visiting Korea for a short time and want a Korean phrase book to help you communicate? If so, this Korean phrasebook for you. It’s tiny 0.4 x 4.1 x 5.9 inches size makes it incredibly convenient to travel with but without losing the most essential content for communication. This new, expanded edition contains 15% more content, fun manga-style illustrations, and additional information on which destinations, personalities and trends are hot in Korea right now!The idea of Instant Korean is simpleÃ¢â ¬â •learn 100 words and phrases and say 1,000 things. The trick is knowing which 100 words to learn, but the author Boye Demente has solved the problem, choosing only those words you’ll hear again and again. Even with a Korean language vocabulary this small, you’ll be surprised how quickly you can learn Korean and how fluently you too can communicate in Korean. An EnglishÃ¢â ¬â œKorean dictionary makes looking up words and phrases simple and quick. Here’s a sample of what you’ll be able to do with this Korean phrasebook: Meet people. Go shopping. Ask directions. Ride the subway. Order food and drinks. And much more.About the new edition:This revised edition has manga illustrations to give visual cues for language use in context, and useful cultural notes on what’s proper in KoreaÃ¢â ¬â •how to address someone based on the hierarchy in societal structure (age, gender and how well acquainted with the other party), how to get the attention of a wait staff in a restaurant, etc.

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I have several of these small Korean learn the language books. This is one of my favorites. I'm not good at learning languages although I pursue them with a passion that usually makes up for the lack of fast brain to mouth transactions. The font is very easy to read in Korean characters and English translations. One of the biggest pluses is the breakdown of Romanized (English) translation into pronouncable syllables. I have asked a newfound Korean friend about my pronouncation and she usually just has to tweak my tone emphasis if anything at all. This is a huge help. You can go from reading the words to using them and be understood. Ok...you won't sound like a native but that is always the case learning a second language.The presentation of topics is very very practical. Topics are short and to the point. It leads with 40 of the most used words like "which, what, who, how, I, me, we, please, excuse me etc.". and these are all followed with a few sentences that you will most often need. For example under "English" ...is the sentence "Do you speak English". ...which is Yong-O haseyo? (Yuhng-Ah hah-say-oh).

Helps with the ideographs and phrases and basic words. Thanks for this book.

It was very helpful. One can learn Korean in a shor period of time.

There are way too many misspellings in this book for it to be useful. The romanized spelling for pronunciation will have the reader speaking incorrectly but even if you know how to read hangeul then this will still not help because many, many of the words are misspelled in hangeul too! It's like

they typed up this book very quickly and didn't bother to edit it (or even read it for that matter). Some Korean sentences given in the book combine formal and informal speech in a way that would sound very rude to a native Korean so be careful! One sentence is translated as "I don't understand Korean" but actually means "I speak a little (or some) Korean." That could be a confusing situation until the Korean you're talking to figures out that you don't really speak Korean! I think everyone would be better off if they just spent a couple of dollars more and bought a secondhand grammar book that has recordings with dialogs.

I am an intermediate Japanese student. When I was a beginner, I bought the Japanese version of this book (Instant Japanese), and it was excellent. It was the best beginner's book and introduction to Japanese that I have ever seen, and very organized. When people tell me they want to begin learning Japanese, I tell them to get that book (or I lend them one if I have a copy of it). Anyway, I have have wanted to start learning Korean for a while, but most of the books I've looked at are no good. When I found out about a Korean version of Instant Japanese, I was really glad and I thought "okay, I'll just wait until this one comes out. All my problems are solved." I waited with high hopes. Well, when it finally came, my hopes here shot. I couldn't believe how sloppy a job the book was! The book was not very organized. There wasn't much explanation of grammar; just a lot of phrases slapped together in sections. On top of all that, it was full of spelling errors (of the Korean words).No disrespect to Mr. DeMente--he has written good books--but I had expected much better from him.

I didn't expect too much from this book, having seen other bad reviews. I paid $10.00 for my copy. For me the main advantage is the books small size , which makes it useful to leave in my pocket and use to revise basic korean expressions from time to time (while waiting for street cars, for example).The subtitle, "How to express 1,000 different ideas with just 100 key words and phrases!" is just misdirection. The book is organised into 100 sections, each of which contains at least 5 or six PHRASES and additionally vocabulary with some 10 to 20 words to learn. I made that well over 1,000 words and phrases with which to express around 1,000 ideas.There is no organisation in this book that would help anyone to begine learning Korean, but as an "additional resource" it is useful.

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