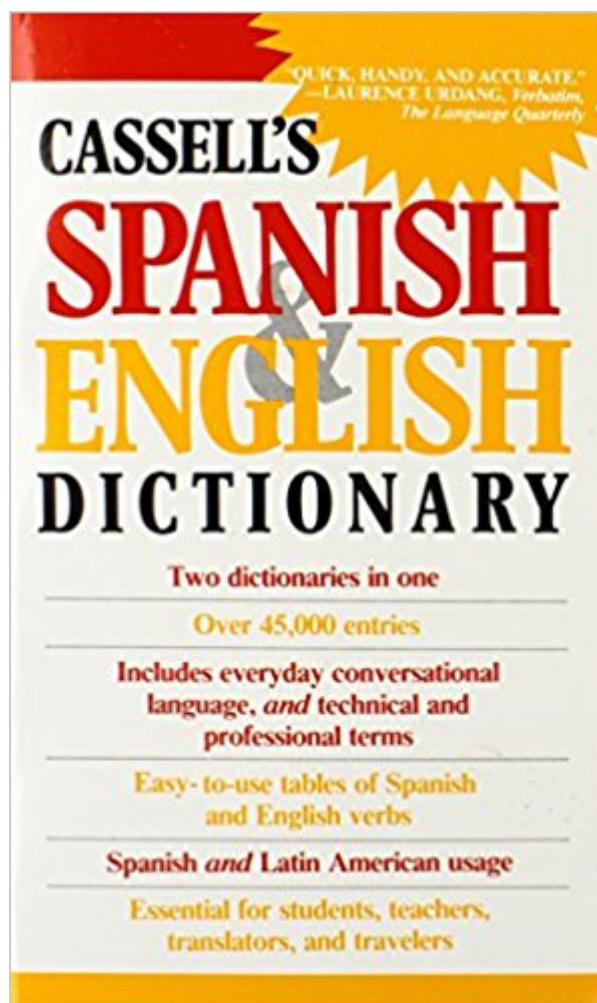


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authorities is the best pocket-sized guide to the Spanish language available.

I bought this dictionary for a class in reading foreign language. I am a native English speaker learning to read Spanish. I was advised by my instructor to buy a printed dictionary even though there are many available online. The two primary problems with this dictionary are summarized in the title of this review. First, the type is small. I do not mind small type. I actually expect that a pocket-sized book that boasts "over 45,000 entries" is going to have small type. However, the type is also blurry, and the weight varies from page to page and even across pages. In some cases, the type looks bold; in other cases, the letter strokes fade to nearly invisible. Do not be deceived by the cover, which has a tasteful design with a good printing job on quality, coated stock. Think about a cheap reproduction of an old, public-domain movie encased in a contemporary DVD package, and you'll understand the point. As another reviewer suggested, the layout of the interior pages indicates the book was a page-for-page reprint of an earlier edition that had different proportions. Case in point: The page numbers at the bottom are squeezed next to the body of type, yet there is nearly an inch of white space across the bottom margin. As for content, it is really more of a lexicon (a list of words) than what could be called a dictionary in the fullest sense. I do not know enough about Spanish to say if the definitions are accurate; however, it does include some words not found in other dictionaries, including technical and professional terms. As a student, I also appreciated the tables of verbs. This dictionary is not very expensive, and is probably no worse than others in its price range, but is worthwhile only if you need a small dictionary and cannot access a computer.

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As described

It was fine, just it didn't have the word pronunciations next to the meaning! Then my dogs ate it! Can't read too much of it anymore.

For the price, this is a good source. If you are a more advanced spanish-speaker, or speak in a more colloquial form, you won't find many of the words you are looking for. For beginners, it is great.

A dictionary should demonstrate good lexicographic technique and have an up-to-date-vocabulary. The Cassell's dictionary does neither. Take a word with multiple meanings each of which which has a different translation, for example, the English word loop: "lazo, gaza, nudo; ojal, presilla, alamar; anillo; recodo, comba, curva, vuelta," etc. (This quote is from the hardcover version, but this version has the same fault) For the English reader writing in Spanish, this is hopelessly inadequate, as the dictionary provides no clue as to which translation to use in which situation. For a Spanish speaker reading in English, this is enough, as the reader can look over the potential translations and choose the one which fits the context. But for the English reader writing in Spanish, this is hopelessly inadequate, as the dictionary gives no clue as to which translation to use in which situation. Compare the treatment of such a word, loop, for example, in the far superior American Heritage Spanish Dictionary. "(length of line) lazo; (coil) vuelta; (bend) curva; (circular path) vuelta, circuito; (fastener) presilla" etc. Here, the user is given glosses in the native language to assist in identifying the right word for the context. Example sentences are also a tremendous help. A good dictionary should maintain an up-to-date lexicon, including such cultural and technological additions to the language as "baby sitter," "hostile takeover," "software," "hard drive." But the compilers of the Cassell's have totally neglected this aspect; the lexicon of the work is severely outdated. Based on the research I did for my Master's thesis, I would recommend Oxford, Larousse, and HarperCollins instead.

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