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# American Sign Language Green Books, A Teacher's Resource Text On Grammar And Culture (Green Book Series)



## Synopsis

Best known as the Green Books, the American Sign Language books provide teachers and students of American Sign Language (ASL) with the complete means for learning about the culture, community, and the native language of Deaf people. A group of 15 ASL teachers and linguists reviewed all five books to ensure that they were accurate and easy to comprehend. This volume of the American Sign Language series explains in depth the grammar and structure of ASL while also presenting a description of the Deaf community in the United States. Written for teachers with minimal training in linguistics, it includes many illustrations, examples, and dialogues that also focus on specific aspects of the Deaf community.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

If you're looking at this book, you've probably already studied ASL to some degree and are looking to further develop your signing and/or teaching skills. You surely know that there is a large selection of introductory books on very basic signs, a number of available dictionaries - some barely adequate and some quite good, and a small number of dense, academic works that delve into various aspects of the linguistics of ASL. To me, at least, there seems to be a conspicuous gap: a scant few books go into any depth describing and teaching real-world ASL grammar. The popular "Learning American Sign Language" skims the surface, and "Grammar, Gesture and Meaning in American Sign Language" goes into substantial depth, but reading this book produced the big "Ah

ha!" moment for me. It's not glamorous, not cutting edge, but it doesn't have to be. Instead, it is well structured, includes an appropriate amount of pictures, illustrations, diagrams, etc. to break down the structure of a visual language into manageable pieces so that they can be understood and reassembled into expressions with real meaning and color. The book is on point and useful from the start. Life is a journey, not a destination, but all the same, I wish I would have just found this book first - at the beginning of my search. I'll bet that you won't be disappointed with this one.

When I started college five years ago, I took the two ASL classes available, and I've been trying to study on my own since then. Anyone can look something up in a dictionary, but I knew I really needed to work on my grammar. Try as I might, I couldn't find the source I needed until now. I've been plugging through since I got it--I'm about halfway now--and there is so much good information on how ASL is structured. Granted, it's a little dated, and I'm keeping that in mind, but grammar doesn't normally change all that quickly. I'm ecstatic that I can do better on improving my ASL!

This is a classic, but very hard to understand without a background in ASL and linguistics. Not for the layperson for sure. I used this to review for tests in getting ASLTA certification.

Very good.

I purchased this book to help in transcribing American Sign Language. It is not for a person who is looking to learn ASL, it would probably be overwhelming. The book covers pronominalization, sentence types, classifiers, locatives and temporal aspects as well as culture information on the Deaf community. Buy this book as a support for ASL classes.

For a teacher to use but a student can read and practice and understand most of it. But do not make this your first ASL book if you are a beginner. This describes the syntax of the grammar and way deeper than just vocabulary words.

Don't know. Found out we did NOT need it for my ASL class.

It was just as the buyer described! Thanks much! Very happy with our green book!!!

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