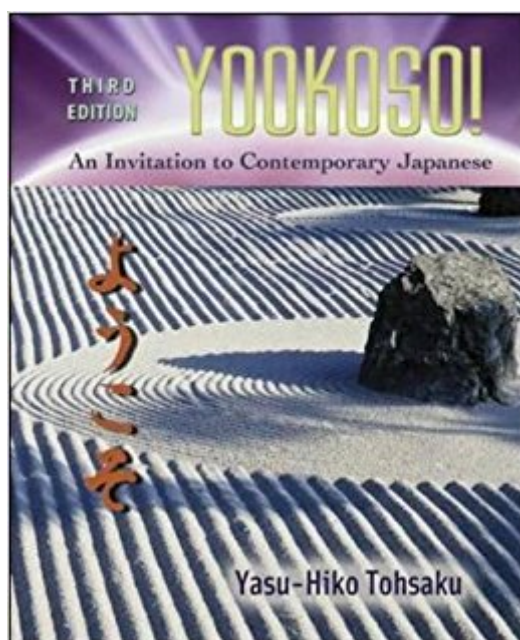


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This book is decent for learning basic Japanese, but it is in no way worth the hefty price tag. Interactions seem robotic and are often impractical for non-business purposes. In addition, I think that not enough effort was put into other aspects of Japanese such as kanji and vocabulary. It tries too hard to cover every aspect of Japanese - listening, speaking, writing, etc - and because they're trying so hard to do all that in a single book everything kinda seems half-done. It's an okay book but there are better alternatives out there.

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We used this book in my college Japanese class. It's very good if you want a very in depth look at the Japanese written/read language and grammar... though I feel this is a great learning aid, I also feel bombarded with the amount of grammar explanations in this book, my classmates and I struggled to really learn how to speak/communicate, though most of us feel fairly proficient with reading/writing now. However, even though I am giving it 4 stars (it really is a good learning aid), I do feel there are better books out there for learning to SPEAK Japanese, that are much less grammar oriented.

This book has a lot of examples in it and is very similar to the language books I had in high school. It's sectioned off nicely, and gives tidbits about culture and why certain aspects of speech are the way they are, (such as saying sorry when you leave, stuff that doesn't really make sense at first). I like it.

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