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Useful for those interested in understanding and utilizing American Sign Language (ASL), this phrase book serves as a reference tool and a study guide.

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Adih Respati says

I read when writing my undergrad thesis. Fant reveals that sign language isn't word-for-word version of any of its oral counterparts. Best damn ASL book I have ever laid my hands on.

Emily Fisher says

Eh, not very helpful and kind of contradicting to what I've learned in class... oh well!

T.L. Cooper says

I read The American Sign Language Phrase Book with DVD by Lou Fant and Barbara Bernstein Fant because it was the assigned book for my American Sign Language Class. The first part of the book gives the reader instructions on how to use the book as well as a guide to ASL. While it might be tempting to skip these two sections, they actually hold some good tips for learning the language. There were times when I had a little trouble discerning the movements in the book. I think this is probably inevitable in this type of book as the book uses still drawings to depict movement that is sometimes slight. The DVD is incredibly helpful in learning the signs. I quickly learned in class that, like any language, ASL is a living language which means it changes to meet the needs of those using it. Our instructor pointed out when signs have changed or when new signs have been added, but if you're relying only on the book to learn, you have no way to know about these changes. Anyone interested in learning American Sign Language will benefit from The American Sign Language Phrase Book with DVD.

Todd says

My tepid response to this books comes from one thing: I did not like the illustrations. This book has the potential to be amazing, but in the next edition they need to redo the drawing with a collection that is more clear.

Joy says

My son is deaf. I learned ASL about 1971, when we adopted him. My first sign book..was Lou Fant. This is well organized, with a great DVD ..

Kate says

This is the first book I recommend to beginning signers. It starts right away teaching everyday conversation (including common vocabulary & in the proper syntax) so the brilliance of communication never diminishes. If you've said before, "Ooh I'd love to learn sign language someday..." then make your wish a reality and just BEGIN! Happy hand-talking!

McKenzie says

i am trying to learn sign language, it is very hard but i can do the abc's numbers 1-12 ask questions like what is your name and what do you like to do. This book is helping me learn a lot more

Cayce says

good learning a lot of sign language

Milton Moon Louie says

More of a reference book - not total read. B

Lesley says

extremely useful for picking up everyday phrases and syntax.

Doug Stringham says

One of the only signed language books to teach the "why" and not only the "what."

Sylvain says

I bought this book years ago when I was into sign language. Since then, I've stopped caring, but I still wanted to finish the book. I finally did.

P. Es says

FANTASTIC book on signing; extensive use of facial expressions which make for the 'rich text' that is proper ASL. without it, you're pretty much 'speaking' monotone and 'writing' without punctuation. problem is images are stick people.
