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I found the structure of this book to be very confusing for beginning German. The vocabulary lists are set at random throughout the chapters, rather than at the beginning or end of each chapter. There are several interesting articles written about Germany, however I feel that they often range off topic from what the chapter is discussing. The fundamentals are certainly there so far, they are simply poorly organized.

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Unfortunately, this is required material for my GER 101 class. I say "unfortunately" because this book is **extremely** hard to follow and understand. New vocabulary is introduced randomly and defined in footnotes you could easily miss. Getting a decent command of the language is **not** something this book accomplishes; even after six weeks, I'm only marginally better with German than I was going in, and most of that progress is due to my own, personal research. If you are an instructor looking for a book for your class, I beg you, keep looking for your students' sake. If you are a layman trying to learn more about the German language, you're better off consulting Google. Bottom line: do **not** purchase or rent this book unless it is absolutely necessary. It is a complete waste of your money.

Some writing in it, but that's in pencil. The pages are good and it isn't beat up at all.

excellent.

Book is fine but never got the access code that was supposed to come with it. Had to buy separately online....

This is the worst designed textbook I have ever used. Just a mess.

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