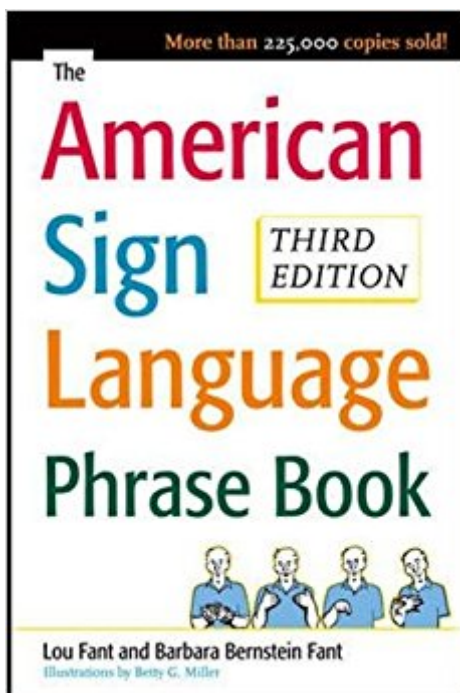


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# The American Sign Language Phrase Book (NTC Foreign Language)



## Synopsis

Open up a whole new world of communication through ASL. You can easily learn ASL with help from *The American Sign Language Phrase Book*. With more than 500 phrases, this is the reference guide to everyday expressions in American Sign Language, providing a quick way for you to converse with deaf people. Clearly illustrated with hundreds of line drawings, this book focuses on areas such as health, family, school, sports, travel, religion, time, money, food and drink, and small talk. This edition's new chapter on technology boasts 50 phrases to help you communicate about the Internet, computing, video relay, and more. There is even a chapter that gives you phrases for communicating about signing: asking people to sign slower, indicating your fingerspelling ability, and requesting help with your fledgling skills. From asking simple questions (e.g., "How are you?") to more complex phrases (e.g., "There's no sign for that, you have to fingerspell it."), *The American Sign Language Phrase Book* gives you the power to communicate easily and comfortably in ASL.

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## Customer Reviews

Lou Fant (1931-2001) was heralded as a leading expert in the ASL field and an ambassador between the deaf and hearing worlds. He was a teacher, interpreter, consultant, sign language coach, and actor. Fant cofounded the National Theatre of the Deaf in 1967. Barbara Bernstein Fant

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I have "ASL the easy way" American Sign Language The Easy Way and I really like it but the grammar instructions could be a bit complicated for the average person. I also have "ABC's of sign" A Basic Course in American Sign Language- expensive - not worth the money if you ask me. Kinda hard to follow. No flow to the book (my opinion). Also think a number of the signs are kinda out of date. This book by the Fants is awesome. Very simple practical explanations of how the grammar of ASL works along with some good insights into Deaf culture. Contains new technology signs. MOST important by far though are the illustrations. They show the correct facial expressions for each sentence which is a BIG plus. While some other books have detailed drawings that should show expression clearly sometimes it's muddled in the artwork. However, the simple cartoon-type drawings in this book capture the feeling and expressions needed to truly converse in ASL. I am super impressed with the artists ability to show so much with simple lines. Also very well written. My new favorite ASL book.

I have a 3 year old hearing impaired great grand daughter and have been having problems finding a learning tool that was educational and easy to understand. This book is amazing! It gives you easily understood signs and explanations that help you learn faster than any others I have bought. My grand daughter had me buy 3 more to give to family members. She showed it to Ali's hearing and speech teacher who also asked for a copy.

This book was recommended to me by my ASL tutor, and not without good reason! The drawings inside are easy to understand and emulate (they also include facial expressions and body language) and the sentences provide a great example of ASL grammar. Some signs inside are SEE-sign, so it is important to use this book alongside a native signer of ASL or a teacher. However, this book is better than any ASL textbooks for beginners that I have encountered.

I wanted something that simply got me saying a few phrases in order to communicate. I love that this book is quick and to the point, I am also teaching my children with this book and supplementing with videos off of youtube.

Not very comprehensive. Would be fine for novice, young adults.

This is a good book to use as a tool when learning ASL. I would not recommend it as a stand alone learning tool, but combined with other products, this book could significantly help you in learning and understanding the basics of communication in American Sign Language.

Lou Font was amazing and thanks to his wife we have this updated edition with even more signs! This is an awesome book if you are learning ASL and need a reference guide with easy to read pictures. I love mine and take it with me everywhere! I only wish it came in a hard back cover.

Pretty good book that is easy to understand.

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