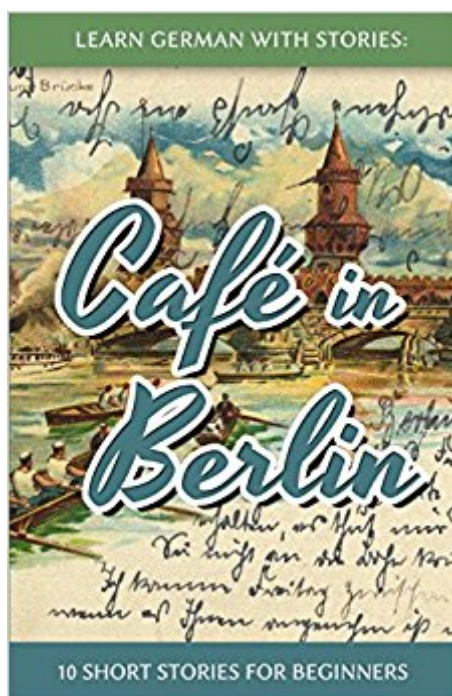


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Newly arrived in Berlin, a young man from Sicily is thrown headlong into an unfamiliar urban lifestyle of unkempt bachelor pads, evanescent romances and cosmopolitan encounters of the strangest kind. How does he manage the new language? Will he find work? Experience daily life in the German capital through the eyes of a newcomer, learn about the country and its people, and improve your German effortlessly along the way!

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Customer Reviews

I have this on the Kindle. I was pleased at how the author had selected a sufficiently constrained vocabulary that I was able to understand almost everything. Reading on the Kindle with a German dictionary installed makes it easy to look things up as you need, but a surprising amount becomes clear either from context, or from simply looking at the text. Many initially strange words turn out to be compound words which are understandable. I have at best an A1 level of understanding, and the text worked for me.

Improving one's reading proficiency in a foreign language can be tedious if it requires looking up words in a dictionary, even online. One solution is a bilingual book, of which there are now some good examples, like *Alice in Wonderland* with sentences or phrases alternating between German and English. This book takes a different approach, also successful, in my opinion. It contains ten short chapters, each entirely in German. But harder words and phrases are in bold face and are

translated at the end of each chapter. The story is entertaining, about a young man from Sicily living in Berlin with three roommates from different countries, and one can usually guess the meaning from context. I found that I absorbed new words without great effort. The level of German reading ability targeted is probably low intermediate.

Café In Berlin is really one story broken into ten chapters, rather than ten short stories, as the subtitle says. I am a mid 40's male attempting to relearn and expand my high school German. Along with some audio language programs, I've found Andre Klein's various titles and this one I like the best. It's mostly present tense, and written in a simple first person narrator point of view. His Sicilian character tells you all you need to know about being a foreigner in modern Berlin, trying to learn the language, fit in, have a good time, get a job and meet some girls. It's not stretching any literary boundaries, but there is some humor tucked into the story. Vocabulary is simple, his end of chapter translations of key vocab are good checkpoints, and he has a knack for storytelling. For me, it all added up to a great reading experience, not taxing, not frustrating, just enough of a challenge. Everyone's experience will vary according to their mastery of the language, naturally, so I think it would be impossible to call it a one size fits all book. But if you're wanting a no sweat simple piece to test your abilities, I don't think you can wrong here.

I just got this today and I'm amazed at how easy this book is to read! As a person who learned to speak German while traveling in Germany, my basic skills are okay for basic travel needs and very simple conversations, but my vocabulary is seriously lacking. Before this, in an effort to improve by reading, I had struggled to read any German book or newspaper, and I'd virtually given up on my chances of learning more German while outside of the country. I bought German dictionaries and phrase books and toyed with the Pimsleur learning system, but the books were too dry for me and Pimsleur, while great for learning spoken German, doesn't address reading. This book presents a text that is very easy to understand for anyone who has a basic knowledge of German. Each chapter is short and has a quick reference guide to all of the more complicated phrases, and each chapter gives the reader a set of questions that reinforce what has been learned. I wish I'd found these books years ago! Now I'm going to get every book Andre Klein has written - hopefully with his help I'll succeed in improving my vocabulary and maybe I'll even get a handle on German grammar.

Perfect for my needs. I'm not an absolute beginner, however I'm not intermediate either. Learning words and phrases was getting frustrating, since I couldn't apply what I was learning. This series

was a great solution. USEFUL sentences that would be used in normal everyday conversations. Interesting and humorous short stories that build upon one another. (I haven't read beyond the first book, yet. Therefore, not sure if this applies to each successive book in this series.) Wish I'd discovered this series and written a long time ago. It would have solved or at the very least helped a lot of my frustrating study time.

German language scares me especially those interminable composed words. I am a German learner with basic knowledge. I was trying to practice reading in German News Sites but I was getting upset about my so-short skill for understanding their content. Then, I decided to look for more basic stuff but all I found was kids' books.. Until I came across André Klein' series of books for German beginners. I got started with Cafe in Berlin. This was the kind of reading I was looking for. The stories are short, funny, and well paced with respect to introducing new vocabulary. New words and expressions are repeated throughout the book in a very natural way so that your short-term memory is asked to recall them, giving you the chance of shifting them into your long term memory. There is no Grammar review what also pleased me because my focus is on reading comprehension. I have been benefiting a lot of the book series.

It's an interesting story written about an Italian immigrant to Berlin and the challenges he faces in adapting to life there. I wanted to brush up on my German and it was a nice change of pace from the content of most German language textbooks.

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