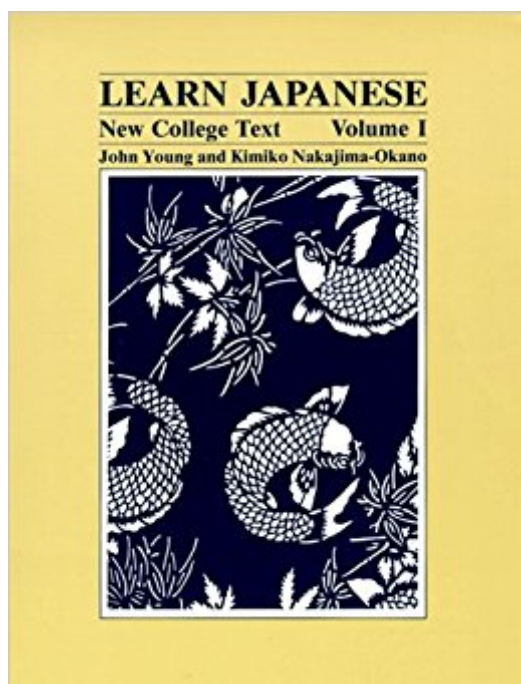


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Synopsis

After fifteen printings, the Learn Japanese: College Text series has been substantially revised. The incorporated revisions grew out of the authors' decade and more of classroom experience. Revisions were also made in accordance with recommendations proposed by instructors who have used the Learn Japanese series. The new edition, which reflects recent trends in language teaching, continues to emphasize an integrated approach in which speaking, hearing, reading, and writing Japanese all contribute to the language learning process.- The most significant improvement is the addition of Culture Notes to help clarify the sociolinguistic context in which the language is used. Since Japanese modes of communication are highly situational, the student of Japanese needs to be made aware of the different contexts in which speakers interact. Culture Notes, used in conjunction with Grammar Notes, Dialogs, and Useful Expressions, show how an understanding of cultural values and human relationships can enhance the student's mastery of language skills.- A new approach to language learning is used throughout the revised edition. The new sociolinguistic approach (which encourages the "generation of discourse") is integrated with the original pattern approach (which encourages the "generation of sentences").- Many components of the first edition, such as Sentence Patterns, Grammar Notes, and Reviews, have been revised and/or rearranged. The result is a clearer, more natural, and more functional presentation of the Japanese language. The four volumes of Learn Japanese: New College Text were prepared by the Asian Division of the University of Maryland University College and are published by the University of Hawaii Press.

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Had to buy this for my class. My Japanese friends laugh whenever they have help me read the dialogues of every chapter (because they don't make sense/ that's not how they would say that). The format for drills is super confusing. The pages are so plain and dull it almost kills me to read this book. There's also no particular "order" to learn Japanese with this book. When I was learning Chinese, lessons would go by topics such as "introductions" "family" "health" "5 senses" , ETC. however, these lessons are like situations such as "going to school" and how a conversation between 2 Japanese people would be like inside a library returning a book, then all of a sudden 'show cleaner' is also in that vocabulary list?... Great idea trying to go by "situation." But even the situations weren't "real Japanese situations" my Japanese friends and I agree that these situations sound like American speech styles translated into Japanese. I got so sick and tired of reading out of this book I ultimately dropped out of my Japanese class. I'll try the Genki series from now on along with tutoring from my boyfriend.

This book is pretty good for me. Everybody has a different style of learning. This book is pretty basic in which it just tells you information and then shows you how it is used in the Japanese language with an example. Simple and straightforward.

this is not a good beginners text

This is the text that I used at university when I first studied Japanese. I was happy to see that it is still available for me to use in my review of this wonderful language.

This book makes me want to gouge my eyes out with a blunt instrument. AND cry at the same time. I've used Genki and Minna no Nihongo and they are infinitely better. My Japanese 2 class utilized both #1 and #2 of this series. After one day of reading all the romanized letters (barely any Hiragana- and this continues for a good chunk of book 3 and 4! I checked) I just could not take it anymore. I'm out of \$40 now (almost \$20 for ea)...but decided to cut my losses and run.... FAR away from this book. (I have even quit the class to look for another Japanese class that uses another

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