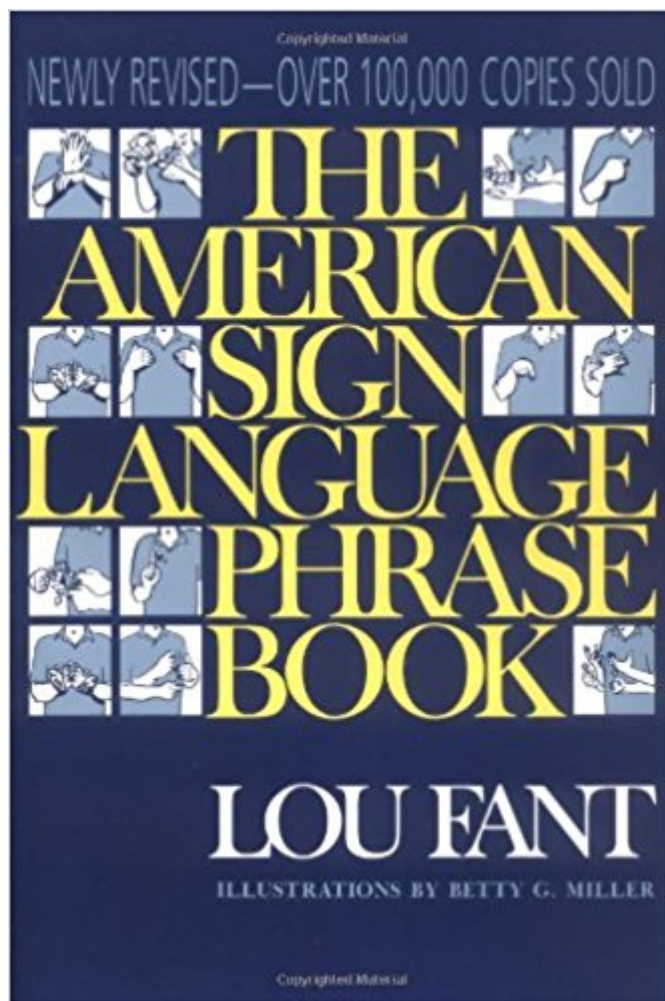


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The American Sign Language Phrase Book



Synopsis

This is the reference guide to everyday expressions in American Sign Language, providing the quickest way to converse with people who are deaf or hearing impaired. Now updated and expanded, this bestselling manual is clearly illustrated with thousands of line drawings and is very easy to use. Organized by topic, its chapters focus on areas such as health, family, school, sports, travel, religion, time, money, food and drink, and even small talk. A detailed discussion of ASL grammar (very different from English grammar) and a compact dictionary of signs are also included. This edition reflects the evolution of the language--changes in its grammar as well as changes that are a result of the recent movement toward replacing stereotypical signs with their neutral counterparts. The only ASL phrase book available, this handy guide can function as both an instant reference tool and a long-term study guide.

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Lou Fant (1931-2001) was heralded as a leading expert in the ASL field and considered the ambassador between two worlds. He was a teacher, interpreter, consultant, sign language coach, and actor. His accomplishments included cofounding the National Theatre of the Deaf in 1967; creating the sign language for the film "Clan of the Cave Bear"; being the sign language coach in "Children of a Lesser God"; coaching such actors as Diane Keaton and Mare Winningham; appearing in scores of movies, plays, TV shows; and hosting the Emmy Award-winning TV program "Off Hand."

Excellent book to expand the ASL vocabulary of a student who is at the beginner's level. It shows ASL signs through easy-to-interpret drawings. It has individual signs, as well as phrases. Highly recommended for people who are starting to learn ASL or are at the early stages of the learning process.

I love this book! If you are trying to learn ASL, you will probably learn a lot from this book. It is divided into chapters by subject, like "Health" "Travel" and "Animals and Colors." So, you are able to build your vocabulary as you are learning basic grammar. ASL syntax is quite different from English, so I have found it very helpful to use this book. All of the phrases and sentences are shown in ASL, so you are able to learn how to piece your signs together. Also, the drawings are great - the character who models the signs looks very amiable. I'm just a beginner in ASL, mostly I know vocabulary. I have just begun to try to grasp the grammar, and this book has been a big help. I highly recommend it!

A great basic book to learn not just signs for words, but actual phrases in ASL. Not just "English on the hands" -- you will learn how to effectively communicate in ASL with some very useful phrases! Highly recommended, since Lou Fant is the son of deaf parents. I suggested this book to many of my ASL students (I'm a retired former Deaf teacher of ASL).

as good as can be. Illustrations, by and large, are good enough to decipher the movements of hands necessary to communicate in ASL. Also, there are good descriptions about how the language works to help use the word lists more appropriately.

I am just VERY new to ASL. I looked at a few books and they gave words, but didn't show how to put together thoughts. What I liked about Mr. Fant's book is that he shows how to use phrases rather than words. I am still struggling to learn, but do a bit more daily. This way I can learn how to speak the language, not just say the words.

Hi purchased 6 different books and every one was just perfect. One that said crease in cover was not that bad at all. I ordered them for my students in my sign language class and was very pleased. Some arrived a little late but not enough to complain about. The price was great. Only thing was I should have ordered enough to have gotten free shipping. My fault. LOL

Good book for learning, at early stages. However, the book was sent in a plastic bag that did not protect the book, it was torn and very weathered by the time it reached the destination; obtaining a dirty and slightly worn book as result. Box it up next time!

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