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Customer Reviews

In recent years, I've purchased over 20 German study texts, and the Living Language "Ultimate German" series is the best I've come across. The textbook offers tried-and-true, nuts-and-bolts grammar and vocabulary review, along with interesting, useful dialogs and cultural and business essays. The two sets of CDs -- one to accompany the text and another, parallel set for "on the go" review -- are equally well-produced and relevant (although two of my CDs were mislabeled). As a

businessman focusing on international marketing, I greatly appreciate the "real world" content and social settings of each chapter. German is the third foreign language I've studied, and I'm most impressed by how well the Living Language "Advanced" series fills the gap for those of us who are well-beyond the basics, but not yet ready for Goethe. The content, organization and graded structure are far superior to the advanced German text books I used for classes last year at a major California university. Other advanced texts tend to forego the graded approach, where each lesson builds on vocabulary and grammar learned in the preceding lesson, offering instead an amalgam of short stories or essays accompanied by vocabulary lists that too often feature less-than-relevant terms and expressions. Despite being a first cousin to English, German is a complex language with an excessively rich and nuanced vocabulary, and a graded structure is still necessary, in my opinion, even at an advanced level. For those who are visually inclined, however, please note that the textbook contains no images or pictures, just text and vocabulary and grammar drills. All in all, "Ultimate German Advanced" is a well-thought, well-structured, well-executed product. It's not the prettiest, most colorful textbook to be found, but it will put real-world German fluency well within your grasp.

Having completed both Barron's German I & II, I decided to try this to stay in practice while working abroad one summer. The layout is simple, and not dry as many would consider the FSI courses to be; however, as far as the breadth of material that is covered, I consider FSI to be superior. FSI I & II covers the entire gamut of German grammar (from present tense to Konjunktiv/subjunctive), whereas the material in UGA seems to rest in between them. Thus, grammatically, FSI will take you beyond UGA. That said, the format of FSI might not be enjoyable for all as it is riddled with repetitive grammar drills. However, FSI is preferable for me. So, in short: if you really enjoy laborious grammar exercises and would like to learn the full breadth of German grammar, FSI is certainly the one you want. UGA is an excellent program, but probably more geared towards those who are interested in practical situations and not in grammar mastery.

When I originally bought the book, I didn't know that you could buy it with CD's. That would have helped tremendously, had I known. As it was, I sat down every lunch hour and did a lesson. Usually I only made it through the story (and looking up vocabulary). Then do the lesson on a future lunch hour. I thought the book was extremely helpful in explaining how things fit together. It also has pretty helpful cultural hints. I would also suggest All-Audio German (listen to it as much as you can, to perfect your pronunciation, you'll be glad you did). I also bought the English-German dictionary...for

my Palm - this is an ABSOLUTE MUST if you are going to be going to Germany and you are serious about getting more fluent.

For once, a product that is what it was claimed to be. The audio cd content is very helpful and at a level of having taken at least two years of college German. That's the level the cds start at. The textbook that accompanies it is amazingly helpful as well. Overall, the purchase was well worth the \$.

Ultimate German, Advanced, is an old package, cassettes you know!, but decided to go for it due to price. It was in great shape, the book and cassettes both. There are many dialogues on practical subjects, performed by native speakers of course, and read very fast for the most part, so it should be great for comprehension at conversational speed. However, it would be helpful to have it done once at a slower speed so as to be sure of correct pronunciation.

Ultimate German Advanced is wunderbar, I lived in Germany 4 years, after free beginners course offered, moved on to I, II, III . How lucky was I to have the same professor. Disregarded studying for 10 yrs. When I become an empty nester, it became a hobby, not studying. Studied your material from local library, kept renewing, finally tried another book that was suppose to be a higher level. It had the cute color pictures. GUESS WHAT? for it to be higher level; I began towards the end of book. This material will hold me a long time. When I ever finish this course, I see you have higher level. Hopefully the words can roll off my tongue faster. Thank You, Great Teachers, like your style. Lastly, when it's all said and done, Baaaby, you got it !

It was a very good one to perfect German, in many senses. The vocabulary theme is broad, and so is the grammar section. I went to level B1 with Ultimate German Beginner and Intermediate, then continued to master my German with this descendant book. Overall, it is practical for anyone who want to have a complete reference of German, though you have to get used to with challenges sometimes and even boredom. That is, generally, one of the best way to learn a foreign language. No bore no gain.

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