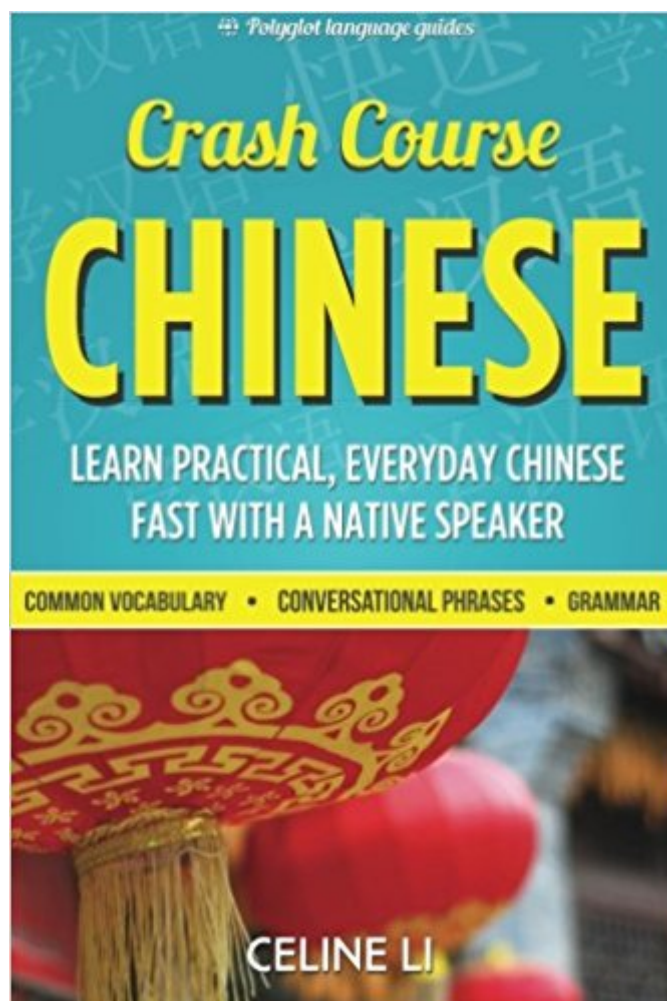




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Customer Reviews

Celine Li is born and raised in Beijing, China. She has taught Chinese to both native English and German speakers. Celine's writing is based on her first-hand teaching experience. This book contains only the most essential information for new learners. After completing graduate education in the United States, Celine now resides in sunny Los Angeles.

I thought this was going to be a super short booklet, like the other one I had purchased from , "The Most Basic Chinese," but I was completely wrong. In addition to the comprehensive topic-specific phrases, this book has really good coverage on grammar as well. It even has a section for "Romantic Endeavors" which is totally hilarious. I guess it's pretty useful if you're want to talk to romantic interests in Chinese, lol

If you're looking for a "good enough" guide or supplement that delivers real results (assuming you put in the work), get this one. I checked out this book based its description, which invokes the 80/20 rule (aka Pareto Principle). Having read elsewhere about using the 80/20 rule to learn the essentials of a language and still be an effective communicator, I sought a resource that would provide the 20%. Except there was no convenient resource containing the 20% I'd need to know... until now. If there's one thing I hate about books, it's all the useless fluff. Too many authors write for themselves rather than the reader. Too many times I feel like the author should have paid ME for all the weekends I spent wading through a sea of NOTHING. Not this book. The content is distilled to generate practical results. The length is short enough to be a quick reference should you ever get stuck, but it's long enough to give you the bird's eye view. If you're going to China tomorrow, skim Chapter 1 for pronunciation. For grammar, see Chapter 2, etc. It's step by step and logical depending on your needs. Celine did not mess around with this. If I could use one word to describe this book, I would say: intelligent. The information is extremely well organized, and there's absolutely no fluff. The grammar lessons are simple enough for a 3rd grader (who doesn't speak Chinese) and the broad range of vocabulary words and phrases could certainly cover my ass for a month-long trek in rural China.

I'm in my second year of learning Chinese and I have found to this book to be a very convenient resource of day-to-day vocabulary and sentence patterns. And the Chinese characters in the kindle edition work flawlessly, which is not quite so obvious on . Or elsewhere, frankly.

helpful.

Good concise and practical phrasebook

Very good Chinese book for a beginner. I've been learning Chinese for 3 years now and thought I would pick this up to see if I could learn a few phrases here or there. This definitely is a book for the very beginner. It includes a bit on the tones' pronunciation, pronouns and possessive pronouns, and some vocabulary. This book also explains a few words and phrases at the beginning, with a vocab index at the end. A very small book; 96 pages. Though I already knew much of what was in here, it still taught me a bit of vocabulary that I hadn't known beforehand. I'd suggest getting this for somebody in their first or maybe second year of learning.

Different languages have always intrigued me, and though I learned a few phrases from the French and Spanish languages in highschool, I am not fluent in anything except English. This book is written in a way that helped me relate to the Chinese language, that has always seemed so foreign to me in appearance. The author offers a nice presentation, isn't preachy and helps the reader learn simple and useful phrases. Though I am by no means fluent in the Chinese language, I am learning as I go along and understand a few phrases. I am going to continue to read this book until I feel more confident in the language.

got it for a gift, but upon inspection, this book was better than expected. don't expect in-depth language comprehension, but as it says, expect a "crash course". very satisfied.

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