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# The American Sign Language Phrase Book With DVD (NTC Reference)





## Synopsis

Open up a whole new world of communication through ASL You can easily learn ASL with help from The American Sign Language Phrase Book. With more than 500 phrases, this is the reference guide to everyday expressions in American Sign Language, providing a quick way for you to converse with deaf people. Clearly illustrated with hundreds of line drawings, this book focuses on areas such as health, family, school, sports, travel, religion, time, money, food and drink, and small talk. This edition's chapter on technology boasts 50 phrases to help you communicate about the Internet, computing, video relay, and more. There is even a chapter that gives you phrases for communicating about signing: asking people to sign slower, indicating your fingerspelling ability, and requesting help with your fledgling skills. This edition ncludes a two-hour DVD that presents right-and left-handed signers demonstrating every phrase in the book from chapter 3 through the appendix. From asking simple questions (â œHow are you?â •) to more complex phrases (â œThere's no sign for that, you have to fingerspell it.â •), The American Sign Language Phrase Book gives you the power to communicate easily and comfortably in ASL.

### **Book Information**

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### **Customer Reviews**

Lou Fant (1931-2001) was considered 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 laguage 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."Lou Fant (1931-2001) was heralded as a leading expert in the ASL field and an ambassador between the deaf and hearing worlds. He was a teacher, interpreter, consultant, sign language coach, and actor. Fant cofounded the National Theatre of the Deaf in 1967. Barbara Bernstein Fant has taught beginning and advanced ASL at Seattle Central Community College since 1990. On occasion, she contracts with the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and Seattle Diversity Words in providing ASL classes and tutoring to various corporations. Sign Media, founded in 1979, is the nation's leading producer of videotape and print materials on American Sign Language and Deaf Culture. To date, Sign Media has produced over 350 video titles covering virtually all aspects of American Sign Language and the American Deaf Community including Sign Language Instruction, Interpreter Education, American Deaf Culture, Entertainment, and ASL Translations or Synopses of material published in English.

This book is really good. I love that they included a DVD with the book. The illustrations could be A LOT better but you can get the basic understanding if you read "How to Use This Book" chapter and if this is not your first book. Also, I think it could have been better if it had a quiz section, either in the book or on the DVD. All in all its a good ASL book to have!

This was a gift for my niece. A deaf boy in her high school asked her out, and she wanted to be able to communicate with more than texts. She started learning phrases and such; however, the potential relationship fizzled when he asked one of her friends out too. She says that she still wants to learn to sign. She loves the book, and the video helps tremendously.

Fantastic book and so is the dvd that comes with however the only problem is the DVD when they are showing you how to do the phrases and words the zip through it and it doesn't take the time to repeat or go slow so you can understand and fully grasp it

Some signs are hard to understand in the pictures.

I have to say I really like this book. There are many phrases to learn that you use every day. Not only that but the illustration is good. I would recommend taking this with you all the time (like a

Spanish/Italian/French dictation book) wherever you go while in training. I often get stuck, or freeze when I don't know exactly how to say something, so this comes in handy for a quick reference.

Great book it is taking me to the next level of just learning, alphabets, colors, family members, room name of the house, greetings, and community workers. Now I can use what I have already learned and apply it to this new information I am now learning. Thanks. I want to use sign language with My masters Degree of special education.

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This was the best way I began to learn ASL. Compared to the textbook my school required, I found this book 100 times easier to understand and practice with. I taught myself before I began classes and was extremely happy with this!

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