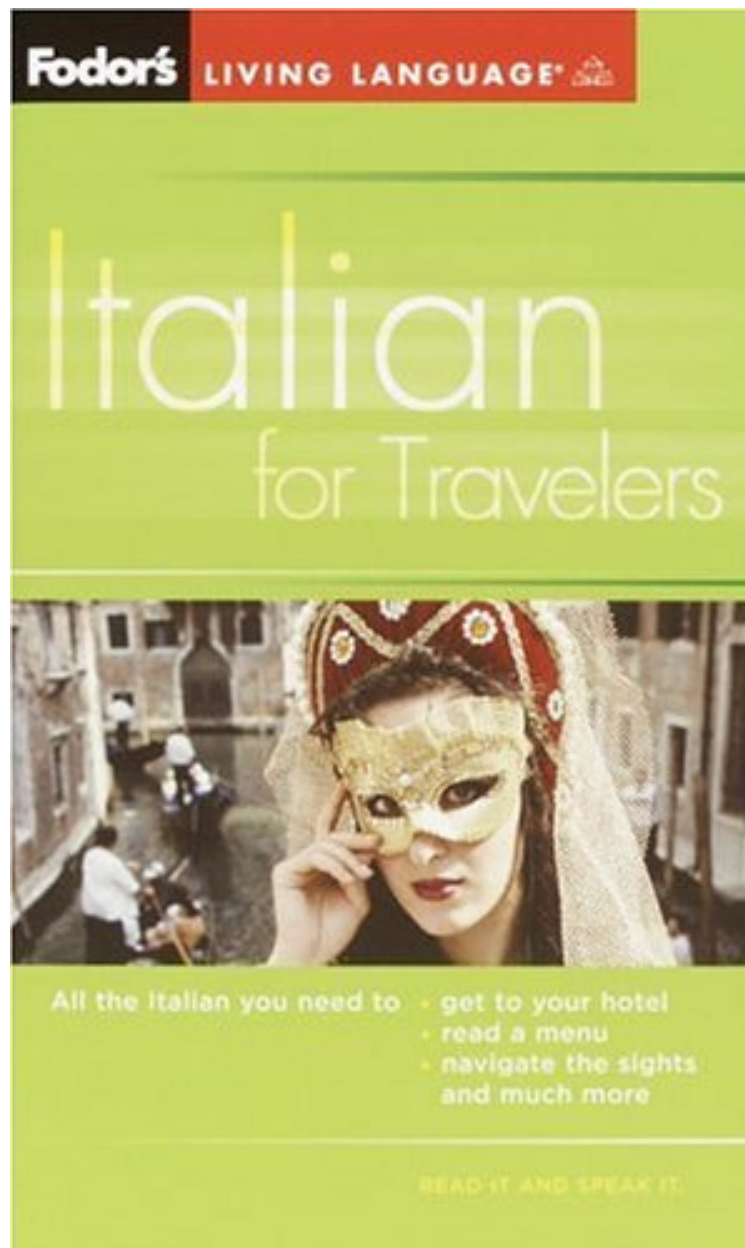


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Fodor's : Fodor's Italian for Travelers (Phrase Book), 3rd Edition (Fodor's Languages for Travelers) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fodor's Italian for Travelers (Phrase Book), 3rd Edition (Fodor's Languages for Travelers):

36 of 36 people found the following review helpful. Even Better in CDBy James EllsworthIndependent travelers who use this product should feel reassured that they can ask for what they need; express proper appreciation for assistance; make better informed menu choices and can even hold a friendly conversation with host country residents. Hearing native speakers repeat sounds, words and dialogs in proper cadence and accent is the key element to making the included phrasebook/dictionary usable in the real world. Although I am not an adept linguist, I have found Fodor's and Living Language products to be equally usable and equally comprehensive in meeting these needs on a basic level. I migrated to Fodor's 2-CD Italian package from the older cassette format for ease and speed in finding and replaying spoken phrases and have been well-pleased with the results. Starting with drills for basic sounds and the alphabet, chapters build skills in vocabulary and forming sentences. Again, user repetition of the spoken models is the key to recognizing what is being said to or asked of you in a variety of standard situations and to building user comfort with reproducing the language. As with previous editions, the set includes a paperback version containing written transcriptions of the recorded passages plus a basic dictionary with phonetic transcriptions showing emphasised syllables. Users can follow along and see what they are learning to say. On tour, the 4x7-inch paperback is tote-able and, as necessary, words can be pointed out to locals. Back at the hotel, I use the paperback to plan conversations dealing with specific situations (illnesses, injuries, medicines, first aid supplies and toiletries) and try to locate some words that might be in the answers I might hear. The food vocabulary is very helpful in reading menus but works best if each traveller has some advance ideas of the names of main ingredients in the dishes and courses that might appeal. The text also contains useful background information on the country and how they handle a variety of issues of daily life. This edition omits the "vest pocket" abridged booklet that used to come with previous sets. Having the more extensive dictionary along probably justifies this change.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not bad when you're in a jamBy Matthew MonicoPrior to my trip to Italy I brushed up on some Italian. I learned how to buy a train ticket, locate a bathroom, and even compliment a waiter for his service. But the book does not do a very good job preparing you for conversation. Whenever anyone responded to my requests or comments, I could not understand the words they used because it wasn't covered in the audio CD's. For a better crash course in any language, I would suggest Pimsleur audio. I had to learn Russian a few years back so I used that series from a local library. I must say it worked so well, I was having full conversations with Russian-speakers in Ukraine. Check those out first before reaching for a book like this.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy randy winemillerAs advertised. Thx.

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