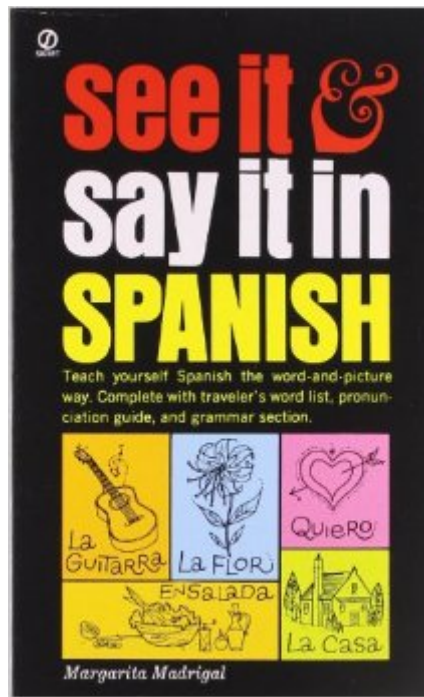


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This is a great little book which I am using to learn Spanish so that I can communicate with a friend who speaks very little English. I know some French which is also in the Romance language family, so this has been really easy to pick up. Because all I wanted was to quickly learn some basic vocabulary and make simple expressions, this little book was perfect, especially for those of you who also have a short attention span and never finishes a thick self-study language book. The teaching approach in the book is very unique. For instance, you will first learn that "voy al" means "I'm going to (some place)", then you will see the phrases in spanish for "I'm going to the hotel", "I'm going to the bank", "I'm going to the market", etc, and in a minute you will have learned the basic expression for going somewhere, and some vocabulary for names of places. Then the book provides you will a list of drills will new vocabulary. It's very quick and useful.

I bought this book this past weekend while meandering around a local big name bookstore, while looking at the Spanish language books i was so frustrated because of the high prices on almost every book in print! I stumbled upon this little gem and was quite surprised by its novelty...its definetly from the 60's, kinda old fashioned, very insignifigant looking and super inexpensive BUT it

IS a TOTAL gem and im SO glad I bought it. I lived in Southern California for a long time and ofcourse had to pick up basic conversational Spanish just to get along, its been about 6 yrs since I left that area and ofcourse my Spanish skills went down the drain from lack of use. I have a few other really good Spanish books, but you know, it can be tedious at times working with them because of the long word lists, intense verb conjugations from the get-go or the annoying "tourist" coversations they expect you to memorise. Hence i pretty much put them away and forgot about them for quite a few yrs. This book is NOT that! This book does NOT focus on "touristy" phrases or anything like that and there isnt anything very daunting or intense about this book. I think pretty much anyone could use this book and understand whats going on. Its refreshing how you can do a short lesson, how ever many pages you want to do and not really have to commite to some intense study regime, so its great if your a busy person. In a nutshell, while it might look simple and insignificant...dont let appearences fool you...this book totally rocks, i'd suggest this book FIRST for someone who wants to refresh their spanish or are a brand new, newbie to Spanish. You wont get frustrated. The ONLY drawback is you have to know how to pronounce certain Spanish sounds, there is a sound chart and thankfully, Spanish unlike French or English for that matter is pronounced in a pretty straight forward manner...and its pronounced how its written and vise versa so just alittle bit of outside work on your pronounciation might be useful but other than that...i reiterate...this book ROCKS!

This book taught me more than my high school spanish class! In school I just couldn't grasp all the grammer rules and so forth. I figured I just wasn't capable of learning another language. After relocating to Texas and now living in a metroplitan community with many Spanish-speakers I decided to try once again. I bought numerous books and tapes that either confused or bored me so I didn't continue my Spanish studies....until I picked up Margarita Madrigal's little book. At first I thought it might be juvenile and a bit too easy....well it was easy,....and it worked! I was remembering without really trying! This little book got me hooked. I picked up her other book- "Madrigal's Magic Key to Spanish". My Latino coworkers were and still are impressed with how fast I am learning Spanish. I also bought an audio Cd to help with my pronounciationn - "Pimsleur." Another great course - although a bit expensive. I still refer to See it and Say it in Spanish. It's a great book.

When I was in high school in the mid to late 1970's, I dreaded going to Spanish class. I learned absolutely nothing and probably passed because I showed up. I thought it was impossible to aquire

a foreign language - until getting associated with this book. I purchased my first copy in 1978. Immediately, I began to realize that the problem I had was due to teaching methods; especially with emphasis on grammar. I began to realize that I knew basic English BEFORE studying grammar. Well this book teaches Spanish the same way. After reading this thoroughly, I began to acquire a basic vocabulary needed for everyday conversation. And in conjunction with a 33rpm record set (which unfortunately is no longer available in that form nor CD); I began to acquire Spanish naturally - by listening and repeating. These two media combined then gave me the confidence to take college level courses; something which just a few years earlier would be unheard of for me. Spanish became one of my best subjects and my grades reflected this. I still have my original copy which is now for the car and a newer one that was purchased for the bookshelf. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND this book as a prerequisite to any high school or college course. And if a CD ever does become available for use with this book; I will be the first on line to buy it.

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