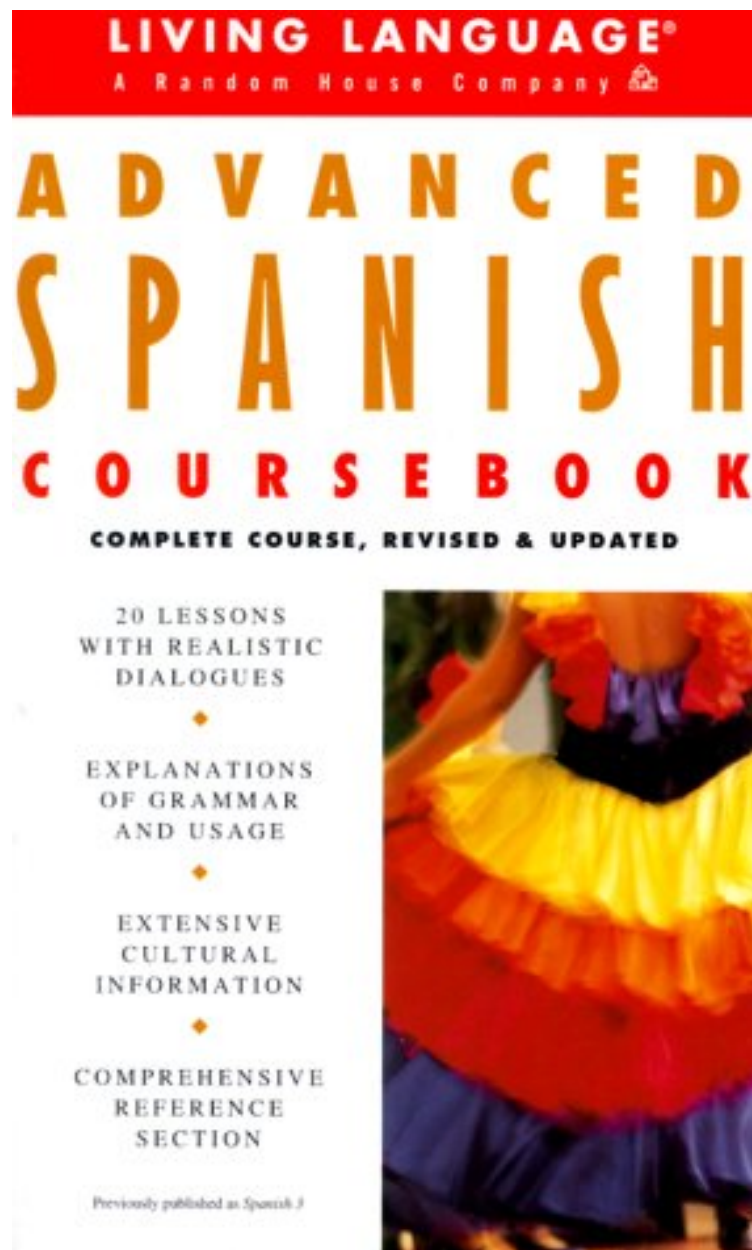


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Although outdated, this book -- if you also have the audio portions -- can be a valuable resource. By Daniel Berenson This is a review for both the Advanced Spanish Coursebook and its audios together. If you only have the coursebook, I could only award this book three stars. Although it is definitely dated, having first been copyrighted in 1968-- there are lessons, for example, involving cameras that use film, or having an operator help you find a friend's number in the telephone directory -- this book could be a valuable addition to anyone's Spanish-learning library. There are 20 conversations involving a couple visiting Spain (from Mexico, I believe). In this way the creators can provide speakers using Mexican as well as Spanish accents. The lessons take you through scenarios such as using public transportation, going to a museum, renting a car, etc. You listen to the conversations as you read them in the coursebook, then you repeat them. An irritating issue with the audios is the lack of time that the listener is given to repeat the Spanish phrases. Sometimes you're supposed to squeeze, say, 10-12 words into a few seconds. That makes this course a bit difficult to use in a car. However, the conversations themselves are excellent because of the grammar introduced. Many courses avoid the subjunctive mood, which is key to knowing Spanish, but is also a real barrier for most English-speaking learners, as we don't pay much attention to the subjunctive (as it were). However, since six-year-old Latino children can use it, based on my viewings of Mexican telenovelas, it's nice to see a course where it's taught. Each of the twenty chapters has a grammar section highlighting important expressions and grammatical points in the conversation. This is definitely an advanced book compared to Pimsleur audios or Duo Lingo or Rosetta Stone and it provides written exercises for the participant to complete. At the same time, it is rather condensed in that each audio lesson is not over 10-12 minutes. My recommendation would be to listen to each lesson multiple times and learn it so well that you can pretty much recite the Spanish by just looking at the English side of the page. But let me also say that I'm using this coursebook in conjunction with Spanish Like Crazy audios and several workbooks in the Practice Makes Perfect Spanish series and am also close to halfway through Destinos. Once again, if you can obtain the audios that come with this book, together they will provide some valuable knowledge and/or review in your pursuit of Spanish mastery. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Good Review of Advanced Spanish By A Customer Meant as a companion guide for the Living Language Audiocassette series, this coursebook also reasonably functions as a stand-alone text. The dialogues, though at times stilted, are good reviews of vocabulary, grammar, and both Latin American and Spanish idioms, while providing interesting cultural information. Excellent appendices (e.g. letter writing) and a brief list of verb conjugations make this well worth the price. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. good follow-up to Ultimate Spanish (Basic-Intermediate) By michael agelasto I used this immediately after Living Language's Ultimate Spanish (Basic-Intermediate), 1994, 1st edition. I bought the textbook without CDs. It was a useful sequel, with 20 dialogs and a grammar section. I would not recommend this as a stand-alone course book; it is intended as a follow up to the Basic course, and that is how it is best used.

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