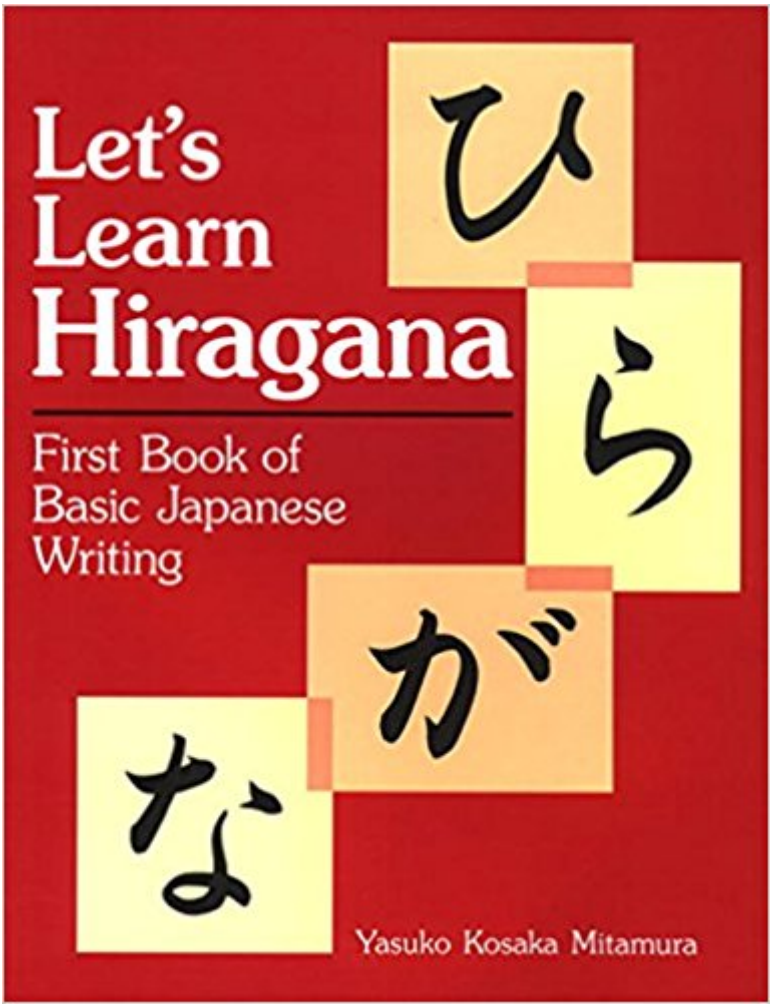
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Customer Reviews

JOYCE KOSAKA MITAMURA was an experienced and respected educator who taught Japanese in California for many years.

Simple book that goes by the process of introducing the writing, and then goes on with giving you words and making you write them a couple times over for you to remember them. The words are later used in sentences were it makes you refresh on what the word means and is used for. I should say this is only for true beginners, as it doesn't necessarily go into too much depth about the writing. I loved it, but only wish it went a little bit more deeper.

I have purchased this book and Let's Learn Katakana because I kept seeing it pop up as a 'must have' on various websites. Turns out it comes highly recommended for good reason! The instructions are very clear and straightforward, and I really like the fact that they after each set of kana taught, they provide you with exercises that gives you a chance to not only practice what you learned, but to start getting a feel for some vocabulary at the same time. I was able to learn all the Hiragana in about a week, and I have been in the process of learning Katakana while keeping myself refreshed on the Hiragana. I would definitely recommend this book series to anyone who is just starting out with Japanese.

Like this book a lot. It has some good exercises translating between hiragana and the romanized Japanese. They are helpful for the way I am learning from a Romanized Japanese book (Japanese for Busy People) for the other part of my studies. I like the way it shows the strokes and has practice space in the workbook. Got this for a class I am taking. It was required by the teacher. That being said I also use an iphone app to practice my Hiragana in addition to this book. Using the app in addition seems essential for me to learn, but people are all different.

I have been studying Hiragana for about 4 days now and this book finally came. Before the book arrived, I was searching online for free self help study guides and I had to go back and forth and check each site for a certain set of characters. This book makes it 100 times easier.For those struggling with Hiragana, this will easily guide you in the right direction. I mean if I can do it, ANYONE can, and I'm 31 years old for heaven's sake. I thought I would never be learning but I'm actually understanding the keystrokes, meaning, and this book is just incredible it has it all. Before I bought this book, everyone was recommending this book in every Japanese review so it was a must to pick up!It explains everything clearly and with easy words. The characters are big and you can clearly see the way it is supposed to be written with step by step instructions. The step by step strokes and modifiers are beautiful. I am so happy with this book I almost want to not write on the squares given because I can keep it forever. And for those who want to learn all of Japanese, of course you have to pick up Let's Learn Katakana. I'm learning this now and I'm glad I picked up this book as well.I just need to learn Kanji and vocabulary, vocabulary, vocabulary, which I heard can take YEARS. I'm up for that challenge! ^_^ Cheers~

i'm trying to teach myself japanese, and this book has been very helpful. i was looking for something that explains things in a way that's simple and easy to understand. this book definitely did that! it

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