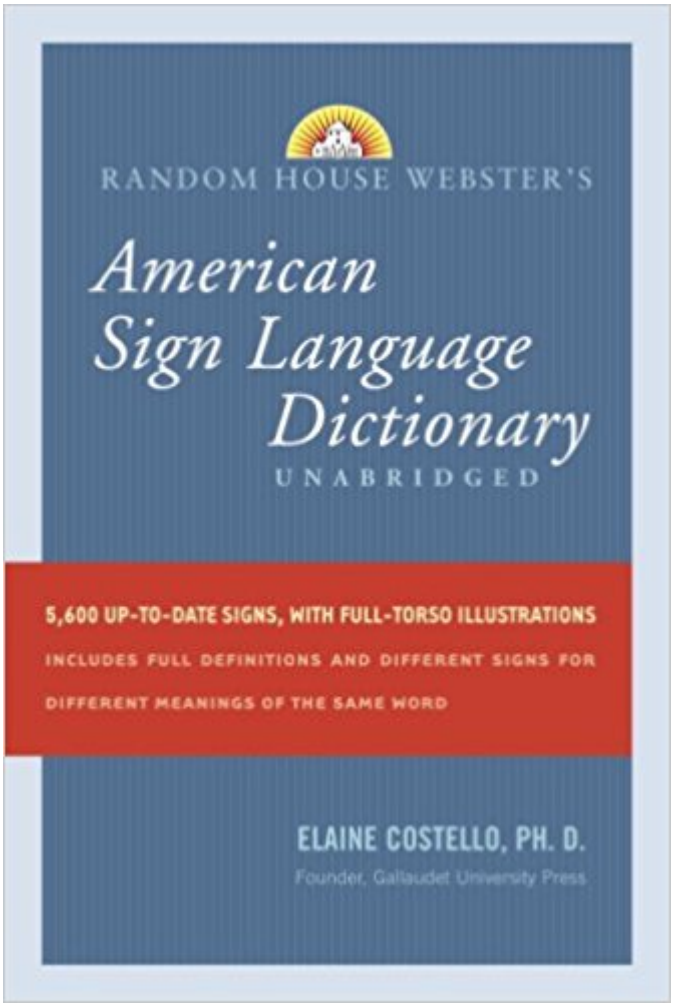
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Customer Reviews

Elaine Costello, PhD,Ã Â was a longtime educator and author in the field of deafness. For ten years she was a classroom teacher and supervisor in schools for the deaf. She also served as the director and editor in chief of the Gallaudet College Press at Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., the world’s only liberal arts college for the deaf.

Here’s the thing... ASL changes constantly. Also there are many ways to sign a word or phrase. This dictionary will give you a great reference and start. But if someone corrects you on a word be willing to understand that just because the dictionary says it is signed one way doesn’t mean that’s the current way or only way.

Fast shipping, as stated in perfect condition and a great deal for a very necessary but expensive book for my studies!It’s very comprehensive and does a good job of explaining the motion of the hands and most importantly (in my opinion) why the sign came about. For Americans who speak

English, ASL is learning a new language and to remember that the sign for "learn" is like taking from a book to your head, makes it easier. I would recommend this for anyone who is studying ASL, although I think it would be a little comprehensive for someone who is just trying to learn without proper instruction. You need proper instruction to learn the true language of ASL, as the structure of sentences is not like the spoken language.A great book, I'm glad I finally got it, I wish I could carry everywhere, but I'll buy an abridged version of this to carry with me.

This has been a good resource for me as I attempt to communicate with a young lady in my Sunday School class who has no hearing (and is also legally blind!). The Dictionary has most of the words I need, but it is not specifically written for religious use and therefore is missing a few words I needed (e.g. manger - for telling the Christmas story). I also wish there was more information on adding endings to words and changing tenses, etc. A thesaurus within the book would be helpful, as well, but with all that information perhaps the book would be too unwieldy. One great feature is the provision of alternate signs for certain words. People in different areas sometimes use different signs for the same idea, so if a person doesn't understand one sign, you can try one of the alternate signs.As it is, this dictionary is a pretty thorough book - but it is just a dictionary. You will still need other resources to help you speak ASL effectively.

As someone that works with signing children, but hasn't mastered the language, this is the best dictionary I've seen yet. My colleague that's fluent (and an interpreter) said that she needs to get a copy for herself, and she's worked at a Deaf School for ten years. This may replace her go-to dictionary, too!

This ASL dictionary is the best one I have found. You can understand what the signs look like from the illustrations, and I have not found a word yet that I needed that isn't in this book. I refer to this dictionary more than I do my ASL textbook for class. This is definitely worth the buy!

I was enrolled in ASL III at the University I'm attending. This book instantly became one of my favorite books. It is very easy to use and offers multiple signs per word. The descriptions are very detailed, so that if you've only seen a sign once, you instantly recall how to sign it. The descriptions also make it possible to figure out how to signs signs you haven't seen before. I am very impressed with this book and it has helped me tremendously with my studies in American Sign Language. I highly recommend this book!

Liked the easy to follow instruction for a sign. Dislike that it misses words. Was looking for piÃƒÂ ata but it is not in there.

Very East Coast which I love. Illustrations a little tough to read but along with descriptions you can figure it out. Could use more words that are described with the same sign. I find this to be the best dictionary and I use it almost daily.

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