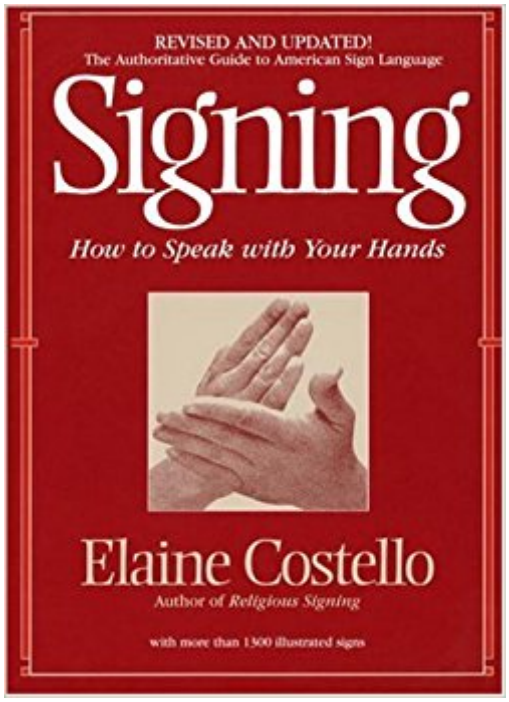
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# Signing: How To Speak With YOur Hands




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I think this is one of the best books I have seen for learning sign language. I gave an older copy to a woman who had suddenly become deaf. She was very happy! I ordered this one because I wanted to have another to keep. I know the manual alphabet (sometimes I get the P, Q, and X confused) but that is problematic for use with anyone who already signs. It is much more expressive and not too slow for thoughts. It’s why we need to use "emoticons" for e-mails and texting. Leave the manual ’bet for silently cussing in church as my friends and I did when kids. Joking! But we did do it, though.

Older book and not perfect, but I really enjoy the way the signs are grouped a lot better than the newer books. It does a good job explaining the basics of ASL linguistics, just touching on how to form signs and the importance of facial expression and body language. However, this book is aimed at building ASL vocabulary. If you want to learn the signs that are used most often in every day conversation it is perfect. For learning the grammatical structure of ASL, taking the 20-40 signs you learn and then knowing how to put them together to form complete coherent ideas, this is not the book for it. Using this book in conjecture with the ASL green books, or as an aid to an ASL class, would be the best use of this book.

I have a little boy who is the age of four and has been deaf since he was one. Therefore I have

been using this book often. This is in addition to my regular ASL (American Sign Language) textbook in college here in Salt Lake City. In addition to my classes at college I usually attend free sign language classes at the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center here on Thursday evenings as well. We learn and study out of this book there and it has been very helpful in developing my skills to communicate with my little one as well as others. Signing is fun! Friendly regards, Jeridiah

Several signs are outdated according to my deaf instructor. I love the wide variety of basic conversational vocabulary. Pictures and descriptions are very helpful for learning on your own as well. I wish there were a flash card set to go with this as I'm having a hard time finding a set with beginning terms.

I don't have a context for rating the book, which is the only reason I've given it four stars rather than five. I bought Signing as a textbook for a basic ASL class, so I had a lot of help using it. My instructor was deaf, by the way, and this was her preferred book for her students. I suppose that's a pretty good recommendation in itself.My interest in ASL is communications with a deaf 7-year-old grandson, plus learning enough ASL to work in an adaptive alpine ski program.

Bought this book as it was required for an ASL class. This book is older but still very relevant for learning. Some signs are outdated but you will find that with any book as the signs are always changing.

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Really easy to understand. Love it. Definitely not a replacement to a real class or being able to communicate with deaf person's, but it's a great start for it!

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