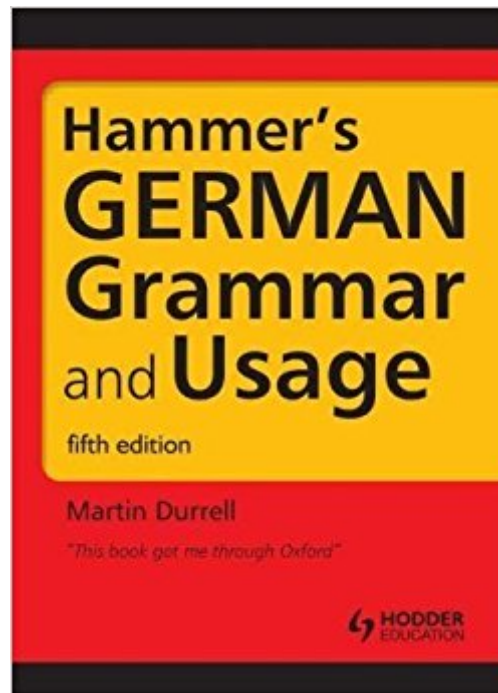




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I read it between 45 minutes and 1 hour everyday, and I learn something from this book that I didn't know previously almost everyday! I came close to giving it 5 stars, but the book is too extensive and thorough if you can believe that. In other words, it is impossible to learn the hundreds of grammatical rules and colloquialisms and modern-day usages that are contained in this book, even if you ARE a native speaker! My only quarrel with the book is that it sometimes gives examples by using German sentences but then does not translate the sentence into English, which defeats the purpose of providing the example as one cannot learn from the example if he doesn't know the meaning of the sentence.

I love this book with all my heart. I'm doing German as a second major and it tells me everything I wanted to know and more. I've done really well in my classes referencing this book. I can see why some people may not like it though, it has very long descriptions of why the grammar rule is the way it is, but for me, that is perfect because more information helps me to remember.

I have had a few German classes, and I think that this book is an excellent alternative to keeping old textbooks, which can often be difficult to find grammar information in, quickly, on my desk. The references are easy to use and look up, and the explanations are clear. I would definitely recommend this book to any student of German or anyone who is attempting to read or teach themselves German, seeking a grammar reference.

Speaking as a student in Korea, where does not have many German reference books, this book is fantastic. It has in-depth explanation of possibly your every single question as well as some language 'hacks' that you might want to practice in case you have to make a blind guess. I recommend this for somewhat advanced learners of German -- for those who got friendly with at least A2 level grammar.

Very comprehensive. Great resource for the serious student of German and anyone doing translation work. Probably too detailed for the casual learner or tourist.

I just got this book through the mail today (shipping wasn't so great; the book was a little bent) and I immediately opened it to skim through it a little. Just in the 5 minutes I've been reading I've gotten a

better understanding on genders with nouns. I am a German 3 (soon to be German 4) student and this isn't information I've learned yet. I've learned that certain nouns have certain genders and that's about it. Now I get a general idea of what noun is tied to what gender. I've also looked over the sentence structure and other sections. It definitely does a good job explaining. Although it gives a great understanding, a LOT of studying is involved (the material can be a bit tricky). I'm hoping to become somewhat fluent by the end of this book, which may take me a year or so. If you're in the process of learning German, definitely pick this book up! It will help you immensely.

This is exactly the kind of reference book I needed: professional, very well laid out, and top-notch hints and tips to help make reading and speaking German much simpler.

Very well written. Concise, clear to the point, and very informative. It was more than I expected to be honest, and I will keep using this as I learn.

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