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The book is trying hard to do too much. Too much of each chapter is about life in Italy, and culturally significant topic, which are nice but distracts from the main theme and makes it difficult to find the actual lessons needed. The online exercises contain mistakes and it takes hours to try to figure out if YOU are making the mistakes or the online learning center. FRUSTRATING! Additionally, the book is way too heavy, more so than any other book I have.

Required text for my intermediate Italian class, which means ho dovuto comparlo. But it's proved useful in clarifying some grammatical questions. Yes, I recommend it. BTW, the price for a used copy was very good.

I don't like this book that much. I think the way it's organized is not very helpful. We are using it in our Italian 3 class and I wish we could use one of the sentieri books instead.

This is exactly the book I needed for my Italian class, and i love that the iLrn software is good for two years! That's like, four semesters of language class.

Good

We love the rental option because this book is too expensive but if you need it rent it. Great quality.

Class is hard but the book is good

Lots of information here, sometimes difficult to find. The idea of the piazza as the cultural center of Italy is great, but it could have a better tie-in. The accompanying on-line materials are not easy to navigate, either. I feel like the publisher is trying to make a magazine-style textbook with a website learning tool, but is not very accomplished at either. The choice of information is appropriate, but I doubt that I'd ever be able to utilize it on my own. Fortunately, I'm using the text in a face-to-face class and the excellent teacher of the course is able to help us wade through and make sense of the information provided.

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