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In this very useful manual, Dr. Ragusa has presented all the Italian really needed in everyday life and contemporary situations, without devoting space to the intricacies of literary, archaic, and poetic forms that you are not likely to need.

It is remarkable how readily Italian grammar lends itself to this form of essential grammar, for within this book Miss Ragusa has presented her material with such clarity that you will probably remember most of what you have read after a single reading. Among the unusual features of this presentation are an extremely clear statement of the complex pronoun situation, an easily followed analysis of the various verb tenses and moods, and a most useful discussion of the many verb idioms that are so important in Italian.

All the major aspects of Italian grammar are presented in logical, developmental order: vocabulary, vocabulary building, word order, turning negative sentences into positive and vice versa, forming questions, nouns, articles, prepositions, adjectives, adverbs, verbs, verbal idioms, and whatever else is necessary to a knowledge of essential Italian. An appendix contains clear definitions of all the grammatical terms used in the book.

Essential Italian Grammar is not a simplified grammar, not an abridged grammar, but a selected grammar for adult use, with emphasis upon explanation rather than rote memory, and with inclusion of much phrase material for examples. It can be used as a supplement to a course, as an introduction, or as a refresher for those who have already studied Italian.

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Eric says

Bought it before going to Italy with the intent of mastering the language. Hah! I did however pick up the grammar and learn better pronunciation.

Joe says

Read within a month period. Will be referring to in the future. Currently making Anki cards.

Stacee says

Time to refresh...

S. B. Letham says

Really useful guide to Italian grammar. Very compact but dense; there's no fluff found here. It is hard to tell if some of the politeness conventions are out of date or not, but at least 90% of what is contained is still applicable.

Would have appreciated a pronunciation guide - for example, is *Che* pronounced with a "k" sound or "ch" sound? (I think it's pronounced like "que" but I'm still not sure)

Some of the section on Verbs gets really hard to follow if you're not a grammar expert. Ragusa always gives an explanation, but it's still easy to get lost among the numerous tenses and conjugations. But most of the book is easy enough to follow even if you have a hard time with grammatical vocabulary.

I intend to read through again after I've learned more.

howl of minerva says

Mi sbagliero' ancora con il congiuntivo...

Jason says

This appears to be a fantastic reference that clearly covers grammatical rules in the Italian language. If only I'd had so thorough a study of English grammar! I strongly recommend owning this book to ANYONE

learning Italian.
