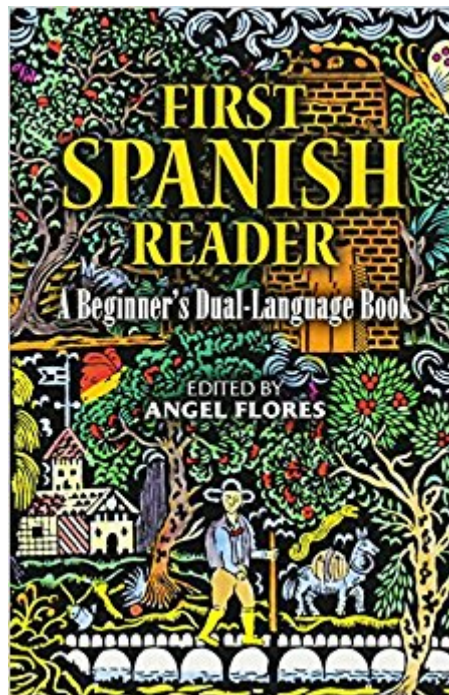


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# First Spanish Reader: A Beginner's Dual-Language Book (Beginners' Guides) (English And Spanish Edition)



## Synopsis

Especially designed for the beginning student, this handy volume helps students learn Spanish by presenting simple, easy-to-read adaptations of classic Spanish stories and other material with complete faithful English translations on the facing pages. The selections, by significant writers of the past and present (Don Juan Manuel, Luis Taboada, Juan José Milla, Eufonio Viscarra, Ricardo Palma, Lope de Rueda, Enrique Amorim, Juan José Arreola, and other noted writers), derive from the best and most genuine Hispanic tradition, and are revealing of the life and psychology of the Spanish-speaking peoples. The dual-language book will enable those readers with the most limited knowledge of the language to enjoy reading in the original Spanish from the very first day of instruction. Vocabularies and exercises are included as special aids for the student.

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This book is perfect for gaining experience using Spanish. I would recommend it for the intermediate beginner. I wouldn't advise it for the person who is just starting Spanish. The material is varied and the stories are entertaining. You can accomplish reading it in "bites" and will not get bored with the material. I would recommend it to all Spanish learners. By Bakari Akil, author of Real Spanish: Conversations with a Twist (Bilingual) and Basic Spanish: Learn With Easy Conversations

Don't like the idea it says this book is for the beginner reader. The preface says the beginner should

have a few intensive lessons in the Spanish language. It would take more than a few courses to understand the readings. You would need quite a vocabulary to understand the stories. I plan to keep the book and maybe in a few years of studying the language, maybe at that point I will be able to understand some of the stories.

I started learning Spanish a year ago. I've been trying to "do something about it" every day, so I'd say I am somewhere around lower intermediate level now (I am writing this so that you have an idea about my Spanish proficiency). This book is really helpful for me. It helps me absorb new vocabulary, to get all the tenses into my blood and feel natural about them. Although it is written in an old, literary way sometimes (as books often tend to be), it is easily comprehensible (and if not, there is still the English translation). I recommend this book to all Spanish learners trying to move their knowledge to upper level, it is definitely worth it. And last but not least, the stories are pretty interesting and sometimes even amusing.

Like Flores' "Cuentos Españoles", this book is great for a learner of Spanish. I know; I taught the Language for years.

Have tried other methods and I give up. I like this because I read a section in English and then one in Spanish. Stories are fun. I am gaining function. I have good comprehension because I speak Italian and English which are similar languages and I noticed that I'm using some of the vocabulary when trying to speak in my limited form to my wife that speaks Spanish.

The book arrived very quickly and in perfect condition. It is very useful as a studying tool. The Spanish writing is translated on the adjacent page in English so you do not have to check a dictionary or flip to the glossary for definitions. The book contains many writings that are like a shorter and Spanish version of Aesop's fables. There is a moral to many stories, many Spanish proverbs to learn, and a homework section in the back to help with further practice. The first half of the book does not use the past tense, which is okay. Later on the tenses change and it is more challenging but still easy to understand. If you are a beginner to advanced I would recommend this book wholeheartedly.

The book arrived in perfect condition, with a nice packaging which protected the book completely. Good for Spanish beginner learners. Clear language in short stories. You won't get

bored and you will learn a lot! Win notes and exercises to practise what you have learned. It's great for learning couples or spanish-english speaking couples. It will help you a lot to improve.

Very good book, exercises are good also. Lots of stories and proverbs from Spain. Having a version of the story in English is also very helpful. Two downsides for me; 1) the English version is on the facing page from the Spanish, I tend to look too much at the English 2) the English version is not an exact translation but more an interpretation of how we would say it in English. The use of the vosotros tense is a little harder for those that have not studied it but not a big problem.

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