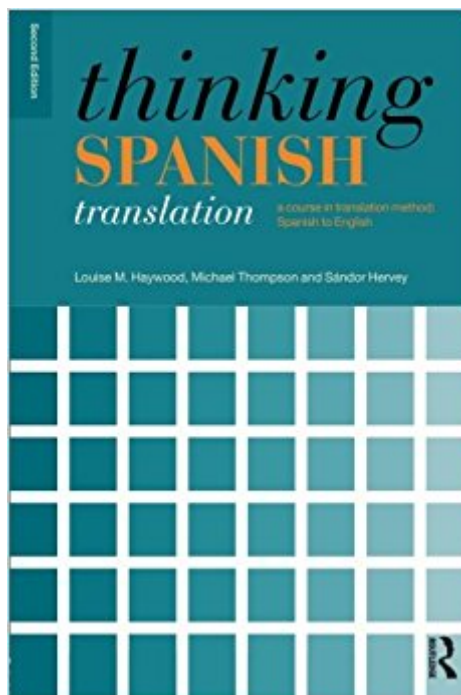




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For those of us who are native Spanish speakers and who have adopted English as a second language, verbal communication in English may come as second nature. As perfectly or imperfectly as we may express ourselves, we negotiate our living environment and consider ourselves bilingual. But when we are required to produce high quality written translations in English, we are forced to rely not only in our intuition of both languages but into some guidelines that will assist us into producing translations that not only will withstand the scrutiny of critics but that relay the message accurately. I wish I had had the opportunity of taking the course, but the book 'Thinking Spanish Translation - A course in translation method: Spanish to English' gives solid basis to our intuitions of the language, it gives us reasons to the how and why of choosing one word over another in a translation. The book gives guidelines for scientific and technical translations; legal and financial translations; and translations of consumer-oriented texts, among others. This is not a book to be read lightly or in one sitting, it is to be carefully studied and considered and there are plenty of examples and exercises if one wishes to practice. I am dedicated to translations, this book has allowed me to narrow down basic guidelines that will make my translations more accurate, more readable and more fluid.

Among all the mindless popular chatter about translation by the academic classes, this slim volume stands out. Sensible, practical, well ordered, with sufficient practical examples and pointed discussion of essential topics, Thinking Spanish Translation shines above the encircling babble of pretentious translation theory. Rooted in clear demonstrations and practices, this course guide provides a solid foundation for those who already have reasonably developed competencies in both English and Spanish. Should be used in conjunction with the Tutor's Guide and judicious substitution of some of the more dated ephemeral sample exercises. Looking forward to a second edition.

Given as a gift to a budding translation worker. It was well received and is being used regularly to improve his skill.

If you don't intend to be a professional translator, you really don't need this book. But, if that is your career goal, this book is indispensable.

This is definitely not a book that one can read just because. Instead, it's a book for someone actually studying the language and who is willing to learn many different technical terms. If you think that you know how to properly translate English to Spanish and viceversa, this book will convince

you otherwise showing you of different factors to take into account.

I purchased this book after purchasing the 2nd edition for my graduate course on translations. If the 2nd edition was bad, this one is slightly better, but it is still a hard book to put into practice. Half of the stuff discussed in this book is not used by professional translators, and it is targeted towards students whose 1st language is English, not Spanish. So for a person like me, taking a Spanish course in translation, the book doesn't work. Unfortunately I don't know if there's a book written in Spanish about this topic, so that's what the professor assigned. (and he's from Spain... go figure!) The student will learn quite a bit of new terms related to the translation business, but that's about it. As a person who has worked on translation for the past five years, I have to say that less than half of what is discussed here is not used in the business. Bottom line: I can't wait to sell this book once the semester is over.

A very good and useful book, I read it thoroughly and find many good tips for my new career as translator

It is interesting to learn about the many things a translator must think of when translating. It is a bit technical at times but I am learning lots.

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