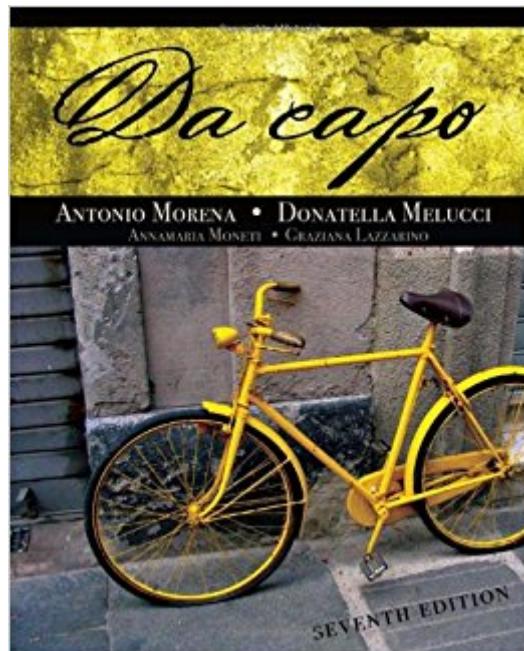


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Da capo is a very useful book but not geared to only English speakers. It is geared to Italian language schools in Italy. There is no English in the books only Italian. I don't find these to be the

most approachable of my school text books but they do have a totally different style than any other Italian language book I have used. It's not full of pictures and tons of text about culture but it does have examples like no other book and I find that to be refreshing and useful. I no longer take the classes in which I used these books but I still refer to them when I study.

I got this book for an Italian class, and it has been incredible. I went to Italy several years ago, and my Italian was pretty fluent by the end of that time, but since then I haven't been speaking much and needed a refresher. I would say this is great book if you want to work refresh your grammar as it is very neatly laid out and very easy to find information. (In most of the beginners Italian books I had, I learned through conversational practice and topics, so it's nice to have a book completely organized for grammar.) I would also say that this is NOT a good book for beginners as many reviewers have stated below because it doesn't provide as much information as to how the grammar is used in conversation. But whether you're looking for a good Italian grammar reference book, or looking to refresh your Italian, this is definitely a solid choice. (Also, for those of you trying to refresh vocabulary, pick up a book or short story in Italian and just try reading through it, looking up vocab words after reading through a chapter or segment. Or just read one of the Italian papers like *Repubblica* or *Corriere della Sera* online.)

Just as described, the way it should be.

Da Capo, as the title "From the Begining" states, does start with basic Italian essentials; it is not, however, a true beginner's text. It is an excellent text for intermediate students who have had classes, had some working knowledge of Italian, or had finished using a primary text. The book offers vocabulary, dialogues, reading pieces and exercises which showcase Italian culture. It does not, as do some of the other Italian texts, offer inane conversation or translation pieces simply to illustrate the lesson's grammar and vocabulary. The lessons include day-to-day speech patterns, not just the stiff grammatically correct phrases that one is unlikely to hear in everyday Italian conversation. The grammar lessons are well designed in a concentrated fashion. Da Capo is a worthwhile follow-on textbook for students who are both serious about studying the Italian language and putting some effort into that study.

Very comprehensive book for the intermediate or advanced learner. Unfortunately, some of the principles of Italian grammar are either not optimally explained, and example sentences and

phrases are too few.

Wonderful, wonderful review book. I would recommend it to anyone. I had used a much earlier edition periodically for years until it fell apart. I was very glad to be able to get this one. If you want to keep your grammar up to snuff, buy this book!

Very helpful for everybody who learns Italian.

Excellent book. Only one I know that's better is Crescendo and I have a lot.

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