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Graded German Reader: Erste Stufe (World Languages)



Synopsis

This reader provides an array of cultural and literary material for students in their first year of German. The first five sections were written or edited specifically for the text, while authentic material is presented in a concluding short story by Doris DÄfÄ¶rrie. Features include frequent use of cognates and basic vocabulary; exercises in reading comprehension, vocabulary acquisition, and word-building techniques; graded readings; and footnotes throughout the text along with a verb appendix and index of exercises.

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This really is quite good. The Crossgroves clearly put a lot of thought into Erste Stufe and it is instructive to note how carefully and well the four famous folktales from the Brothers Grimm were simplified. The fables were all new to me and I find they both invite and reward re-reading. I want to add that the vocabulary the authors have chosen seems aimed at highlighting how similar the basic vocabulary of English and German can be. You cannot go through this book without forming the opinion that the basic vocabulary of English and German must have had a recent common ancestor. This is good because it allows native English speakers to quickly build a useful German vocabulary. While the vocabulary presented is good German and instantly recognizable to German

speakers, the vocabulary does not seem to reflect contemporary German as it is written in *Der Speigel* and *Das Bild*. However, when you look-up an unfamiliar word up you often find that the Crossgroves have provided you with a perfectly acceptable synonym. The feeling I get is that I already speak a dialect of German and that I am moving on to standard contemporary German. Keep in mind it is "Erste Stufe" and that you will have to do a lot of work in German grammar.

Because this book is very small, I was a bit concerned about the purchase when it first arrived. But this book has proved very valuable to my understanding of the German language. It is about 185 pages full of material that you would read through, with another forty or so pages of vocabulary. Being an intermediate German student, I still would go slowly over the text, and would have to frequently look at a dictionary, but over time I have been understanding the words without looking them up. This has been such a great way to learn how to read German, and I'm very happy that I purchased this book. I just wish there were more of them, because it would make my studies much easier. >>> I just finished reading this book recently, and have learned so much thanks to this book!

Excellent German reader! Easy to use for personal language growth or as a classroom add-on. Wonderful, and very helpful book. Uses native stories and phrases to slowly build vocabulary and comprehension. Starts with short paragraph descriptions or comparisons with lots of cognates, then builds to more difficult sentence structure and vocab. Excellent product. Well worth the money. I would purchase this book again.

This is the easiest way to learn to read German that I have ever come across. It starts with related words that anyone can easily recognize. You are reading and comprehending the text from the very first page. Then it slowly and consistently builds vocabulary, and teaches you common idioms. The exercises help you to learn to answer questions in German about what you've read. Each page builds on what has come before, and by the end of the book, I was reading German really well. I would definitely recommend this book to everyone.

So far I'm enjoying reading from this book. The fables in particular are fun to read. Select vocabulary is listed on the bottom of each page, and the book also has an index. Has some questions at the end of some reading sections to check for understanding as well.

Fantastic way to learn. Using this, plus a few phone apps seems to be working well; it gets you into

the language very quickly.

This collection of German Readings was just what I needed--initially used many cognates and elementary grammar structure. Use of the stories requires some prior German knowledge, but manageable. With patience and perseverance (and a good dictionary) one could manage quite well.

Not much to add to all the other reviews. Starts very easy and works its way to harder material. All the vocabulary is listed so you don't have to spend hours looking up every word. Look for a good used copy.

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