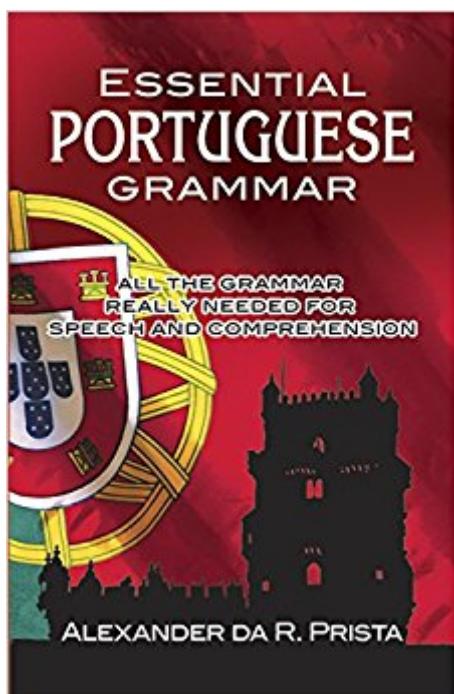


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I bought this book, lost it, then bought it again. It's that good. Sometimes it's difficult to understand the concepts of Portuguese grammar, but this little book does an outstanding job of explaining it to an English speaker. It's very straight-forward and logical. The only complaint is that it's a little outdated (published in the 60's) and it generally leans toward Portugal Portuguese, not Brazilian. There are also some archaic terms, such as combining "de" and "um" for "dum". This is never used in Brazil. But it's got a great price and like I said, I bought it twice. An excellent tool for anyone studying Portuguese.

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My son purchased this so that he could study the language for his trip to Portugal. It is well written and did help him learn the difficult grammar of the Portuguese language. However, he put a lot of effort into his studying too.

This is by no means a complete comprehensive grammar book, but if you want to get a feel of Portuguese grammar, and you don't have a lot of time to study, then this is a good book. It explains a lot of grammar, and is especially helpful if you don't have a lot of time to study every aspect of grammar. It gives you a lot of examples. I also have Essential German Grammar, and that is very helpful for me as I learn German.

This book is very easy to read and very thorough. Each concept is explained very simply and concisely. If there is any confusion on when to use a specific grammatical form, this book will clarify. It has everything you need to know about Portuguese grammar, even the stuff that nobody ever uses. My girlfriend, who is Brazilian, uses this book to check up on certain things from time to time. Like I said, this book is for all levels of learning. Although, I would imagine that some high-level purists would prefer a grammar book written in Portuguese to really immerse yourself. But, the grammar is all here in this book for all levels. The book is written in English for first language English speakers. If you don't speak English very well then some of the concepts might not make sense. Only

grammar included, not much vocab. you will learn a lot from the examples but to really learn portuguese you'd probably need another tool to help you with vocabulary. not quite sure what those tools are, but one thing i heard of is to put post-it notes on things around the house with the portuguese word. not too bad... rossetta stone may be good for you. everybody learns differently, you need to find a method that works for you.

Easy to read and straight to the point. Good reference to have when brushing up on your Portuguese.

As I learned more about Portuguese, especially its grammar, I picked this book up again and realized its true utility: a very concise, compact, well-organized reference. This is a complementary book to your language studies. If you are a gifted student of languages this book might be enough, but for the rest of us, this book is a sweet study tool and reference, especially if you're taking Portuguese in college.

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