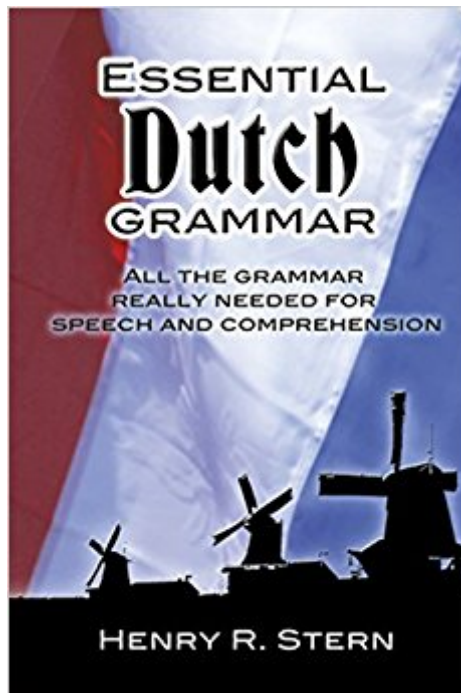




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Okay but not the best book to help with clarification and flow of learning

I took one semester of Dutch at the college level and I thought I had hardly gotten anywhere, but I

learned more than is in this book. This book is lacking on details where it wouldn't take too long to provide them. For example, the book mentions there are several diminutive endings for Dutch nouns and provides a few examples. But it doesn't bother to explain when to use the different types of endings, which is important to know and would not take long to explain. Thus, it is useless to know in the first place that there are different endings if you don't know when to use each one. This book does not explain the essentials as it claims. If you know hardly anything, it's a nice un-intimidating starting point, but if you are looking for something more detailed or technical, get *Dutch: A Comprehensive Grammar* (Comprehensive Grammars). I wish I hadn't spent the \$7 I did on this book and had gotten Donaldson's in the first place.

Very useful, I'm glad I got it.

I have been teaching myself Dutch in order to correspond and communicate with friends. I refer to this book almost every day. It is concise, well-organized, and helpful. It is definitely a reference, not a practice tool, and as such it is not the ONLY resource you need, but as a reference I have absolutely no complaints. I would have liked just a few more examples with idiomatic constructions, but all in all, extremely helpful.

Very well written. It had all the important grammar items and nothing more, so there wasn't redundant stuff at all.

Good book, not really for a beginner in my view, helps to know some German. Overall worth the purchase. Prima!

This is a very good resource for learning Dutch. It is easy to maneuver with practical instruction in clear English.

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