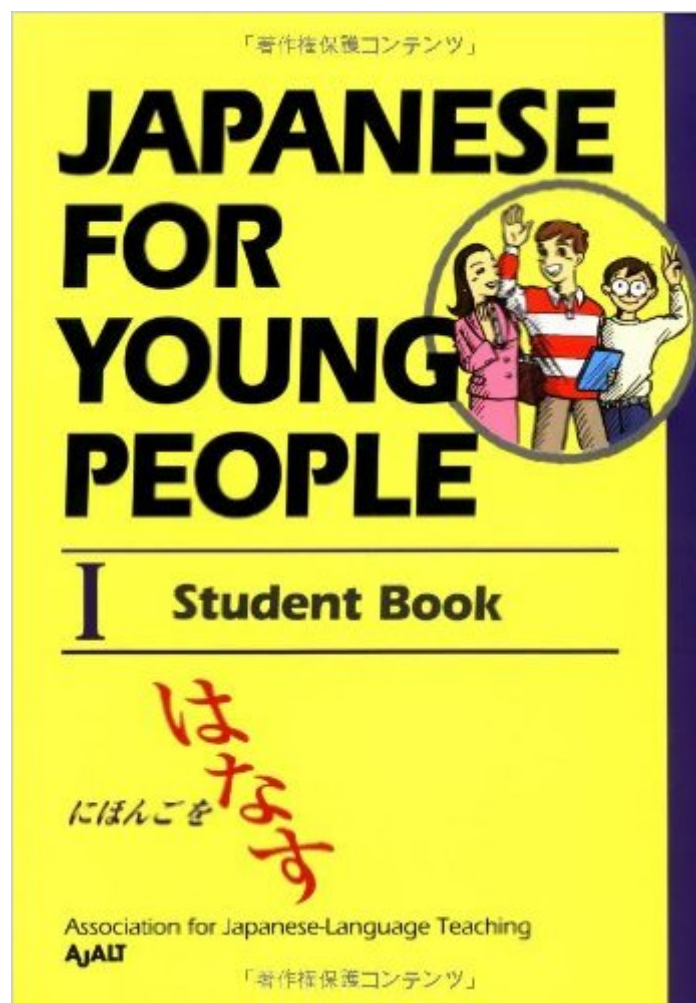


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"unavailable"). Page after page of "Japanese for Young People" has exercises based on the recordings, which makes much of the book pretty useless. Wish we had known that before we ordered the book, as it would have saved us the trouble of shipping it back and asking for a refund.

This book has been a guide for me through my studies of Japanese. The pictures are very colorful and helpful. The makers of this book have made up characters through which help to make the dialogue parts more interesting and comprehensible. Also through a mixture of English and hiragana, it is easy to understand while challenging you to learn hiragana at the same time. I highly recommend this book for children between the ages of 8-14, who are trying to learn Japanese.

I have tried many different kinds of Japanese learning programs, but this has been the most useful so far. Although I would suggest getting a CD/Book if you don't hear Japanese often, this is a great starter program. It incorporates kana into the lessons, so you will learn also how to write. I recommend it for all ages!

I'm currently using this book in my first year Japanese class in college. It is rather helpful, but comparing this book to Genki Vol. 1, Genki is much better. Genki does a much better way of explaining the particles, vocabulary, sentence structure, etc. If you're learning on your own, or learning in school, and are using this book I suggest you pick up Genki too. It'll be worth it in the end if you want to further your knowledge of the language.

This book is a must for Japanese Beginners. It contains numerous amount of examples along with colorful illustration. All this equal to a new way of learning Japanese.

Used the series for a class I was taking. Even with instructor assistance, the book wasn't very conducive to learning. Genki is much more thorough, and Pimsler is great for oral training.

I'm not really a young person. Both of my kids are studying Japanese in high school, and I feel a bit left behind. Besides, I'd like to, some day, watch an anime without relying completely on sub-titles. The book is very gently paced and delightfully illustrated. Matched with its companion book (there is an information book and a workbook), this is a very friendly introduction to Japanese. Yes, there is a long way for me to go, but there's a book II, which I will get.

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