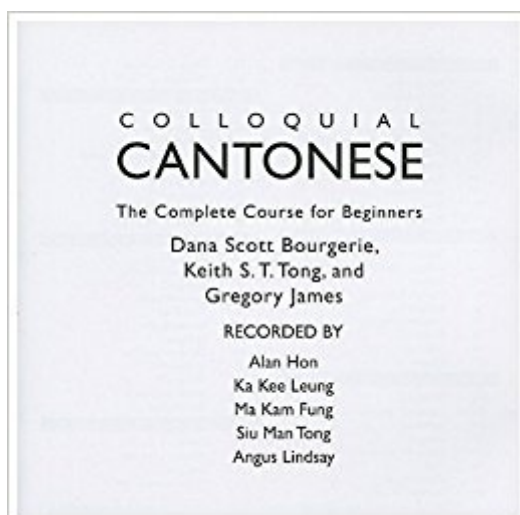


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Customer Reviews

Overall, I really don't like this book. But I see such a lack of Cantonese resources out there that I'm thinking you might want to buy it as a vocab builder. What I liked:- It's one source of dialogs and vocabulary in a space where very few exist (Cantonese instruction).- It has a lot of audio pronouncing single words, which is helpful in a language most English speakers have problems pronouncing.- The grammar points were clear and concise. What I didn't like:- The dialogs are very

short.- The dialogs are extremely dry. No effort was made to make them entertaining. At all!- The audio files with the dialogs are half English, explaining what the dialog will talk about before it actually begins. Because of this and the fact the dialogs were painfully boring, I didn't bother doing repetitive listening.- There were a LOT of typos. Both the spelling and tones were off in many places and inconsistent where words appear multiple times in the same chapter. That left me wondering which to learn. I ended up doing a lot of lookups in CantoDict to resolve problems.- The last chapter has so many typos it's a joke. It's about cell phones (plans, text messaging, etc), and was obviously added on by another writer who was just horrible at romanizing the transcript.- There are no Chinese characters, which makes it hard for people crossing over from Mandarin to Cantonese. It also makes it harder to correct the numerous mistakes throughout the book and to identify when different compound words use the same character.

one can buy the book. Or one can buy the CDs. Separately. But as there is no direct warning of that fact, and if one doesn't do more than the usual research one doesn't discover it, I consider it out-and-out dishonest. Who, buying the course gets only the book isn't likely to lay out the additional cash for the CDs? Or the reverse? The bottom line is that such approach -- in addition to making no sense -- is off-putting. I would think long and hard before buying this. And that would only be after trying other courses which are presented honestly: complete.

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