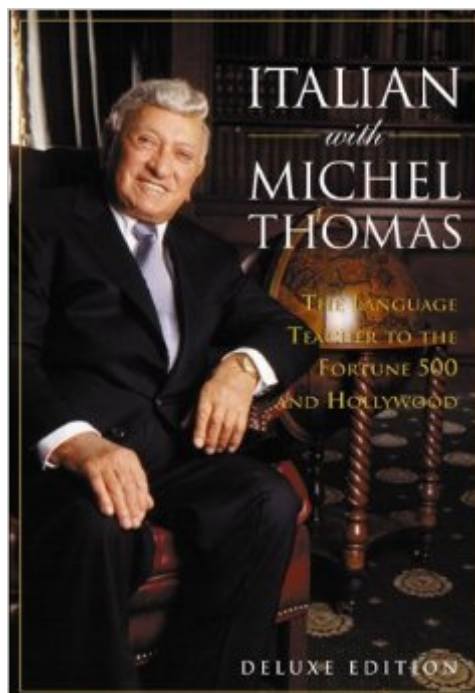


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Customer Reviews

I ordered the eight C/D deluxe edition after reading about Thomas's courses in British Airways' flight magazine. So far the collection has exceeded my expectations. You learn by getting the language in your ear and building sentences immediately. Thomas does not waste any time. I studied Italian at university twenty years ago, so this pace was not a problem for me. If it's grammatical instruction you seek, look elsewhere. The course may be a little too accelerated for the true beginner, but for someone who wants to "brush up" and learn all the essential everyday vocabulary, it's perfect!

I enjoyed this course very much. It was very different from any other Italian self-study course I have completed for the following reasons - the CD course puts you right in the middle of a class between Michel and two of his students - and they make the same mistakes you would make (e.g., pronunciation). You really feel like you're taking a live course. Also what I liked is that Michel would ask the students to form a basic sentence (e.g., voglio farlo (I want to do it)). Then he'd say "Ok, now say: I want to do it because I want to go there", so the students would have to build on the original sentence and say: "voglio farlo perche voglio andarci." It's a great way to learn and very different from listening to language tapes or reading a grammar book. I highly recommend it for someone looking for a different learning experience.

If you've had difficulty internalizing the structure of Italian language with other audio programs, Thomas's is one to try. The pace is very relaxed, and Thomas is an absolute master at giving the learner a deep sense of the language's syntax and rhythms. He is also quite good at engaging and sustaining the learner's interest and participation. The CD builds on relatively simple constructions in Italian without extensive drilling in lists of declension, conjugation or vocabulary. Getting through the 8 CD's of the set, if done according to instruction, gives one some elementary skills in spoken Italian. Some qualifications: (1) The program works entirely on translating English constructions into Italian. It does not develop in any direct way an ear for hearing Italian and understanding it efficiently. (2) There are some elementary grammatical skills omitted; for example, the familiar forms of "second person" use are virtually ignored. (3) To develop substantial skills at comprehending either spoken or written Italian, one would have to supplement one's study in this program with extensive work in vocabulary especially but also in grammar. (4) The program's claim not to require any repetition seems a bit misleading to me. I found myself revisiting earlier tracks on the CD's. But using the CD's in this way does help to reinforce the lessons learned. All in all, I would say that Thomas's program affords an excellent launch into the Italian language and is a confidence booster especially for learners who have trouble getting over certain language-learning thresholds. I hope that he develops the Italian program beyond the 8 CD's of the current set to more advanced levels of comprehension in Italian grammar and vocabulary.

I just completed "Italian with Michel Thomas", and I am very pleased with the results. Mr. Thomas builds up an understanding of essential sentence structure over the course of the 8 CDs. I didn't finish the series with an extensive Italian vocabulary at my command, but I had a very strong

comprehension of the material presented. I was informed a few days ago that Mr. Thomas has a second series of instructional CDs in the works, which should be available sometime in the Spring of 2001.

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