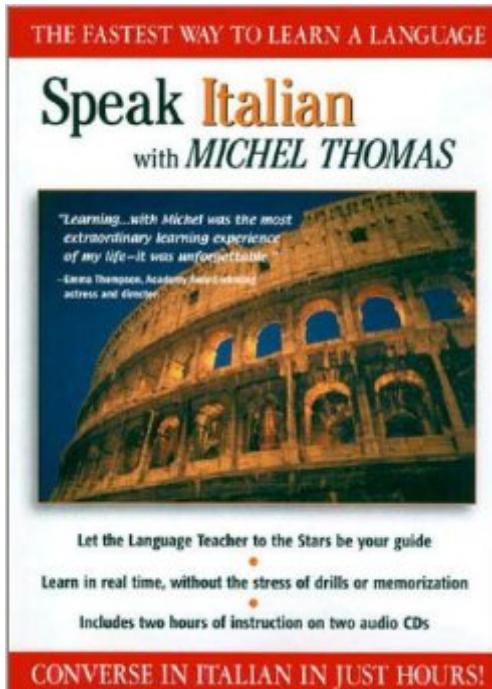


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Customer Reviews

I've been bored to death with formal language lessons, and really have been turned off with most of the run of the mill tapes and exercises that were my only other excursion into the realm of language learning. I bought only the intro 2 CD set in order to quickly prep for a trip to Italy after I found it at a major chain bookstore. I wanted something simple that required no exercises so I could listen to it in the car during my commute to and from work. Despite Michele's aged look on the CD packaging and the fact that he touted that he was the psychic., uh,... I mean, "language teacher" of the stars, the packaging sold me on a method different than the usual, and at price far better than the

competition. Talk about dumb luck! By the end of the second 6-minute lesson, I was hooked. (I actually did the first two while riding my mountain bike!) Mr. Thomas method really is effective. He starts very basically with words that are familiar to the English speaker, and teaches his two students on the CD ways to piece them together into useful and fairly complex sentences. You are expected to act as a third student, and by effectively using the "pause" button when prompted and thinking through his requested phrases, you immediately begin to learn. Importantly, Michele skips the usual annoying "hello, my name is _____" garbage common to most courses that makes you feel as if you've committed yourself back to grade school. Very quickly you are able to say things like, "I am sorry, but it is too expensive, and I do not want to buy it because it is not very good." -- and know how to use the words in a variety of other expressions! By the end of the first CD of 11 lessons, I caught language fever -- even though my trip to Italy was canceled.

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