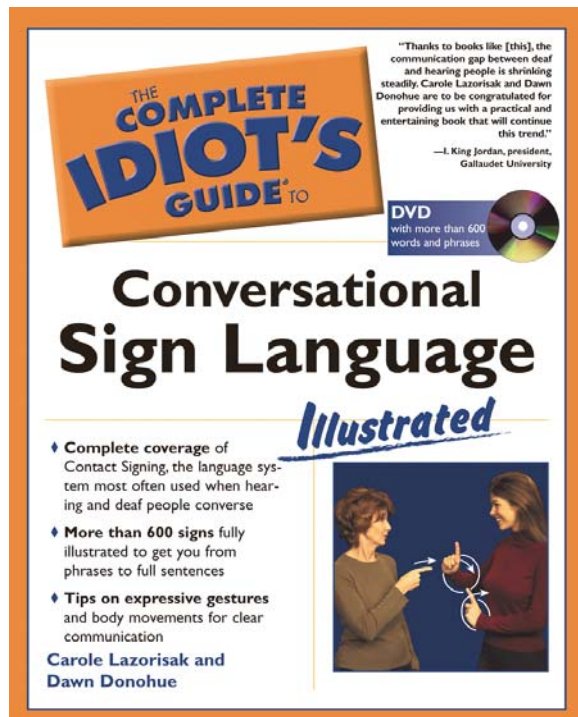


THE COMPLETE IDIOT'S GUIDE® TO CONVERSATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE ILLUSTRATED

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The Complete Idiot's Guide® to Conversational Sign Language Illustrated teaches you how to easily communicate with deaf or hard-of-hearing people in a variety of everyday situations. You'll learn not only grammar and individual signs, but also how to incorporate them into key, common phrases that you'll use again and again. Using Contact Signing—a hybrid of Signed English and American Sign Language—authors Lazorisak and Donohue cover the fundamentals of facial expressions, body language, hand usage, and more. In addition, you'll learn:

- Contact Signing—the most frequently used mode of communication when hearing people and deaf people come together and each is not fluent in the other's native language
- How to master small talk through key conversational signs (ADD) and fingerspelled words
- Similarities and differences in sign language throughout the world
- Common signs used in a variety of situations whether they be related to social, business, leisure, or crisis scenarios

Also included in the book:

- More than 600 signs shown in fully illustrated real-person photos to get you from phrases to full sentences
- A DVD with full-hand motion of every sign and phrase included in the book so you can really see how each sign is executed, along with facial and body expressions

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Facts about the deaf and hard-of-hearing:

- There are more than 28 million people in the United States with some degree of hearing loss.
- In a report by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) released December 2000, 17 percent of the United States adult population experienced some level of hearing loss.
- According to a 2002 report by Steven Angelo, M.D., at the Yale School of Medicine, hearing loss interferes with social interaction in 25 percent of adults ages 65 to 75, and in 70 to 80 percent of adults age 75 and older. Over the next two decades, as the “baby boom” generation reaches these ages, we’re sure to see more and more people with hearing loss—another good reason to start learning some signs!
- Many deaf people have experienced feelings of frustration, isolation, adversity, and exclusion from some in the hearing community.

This book was written for the general American population, to help facilitate simple conversations between deaf and hearing people—in a mode of communication easy to follow for both.



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