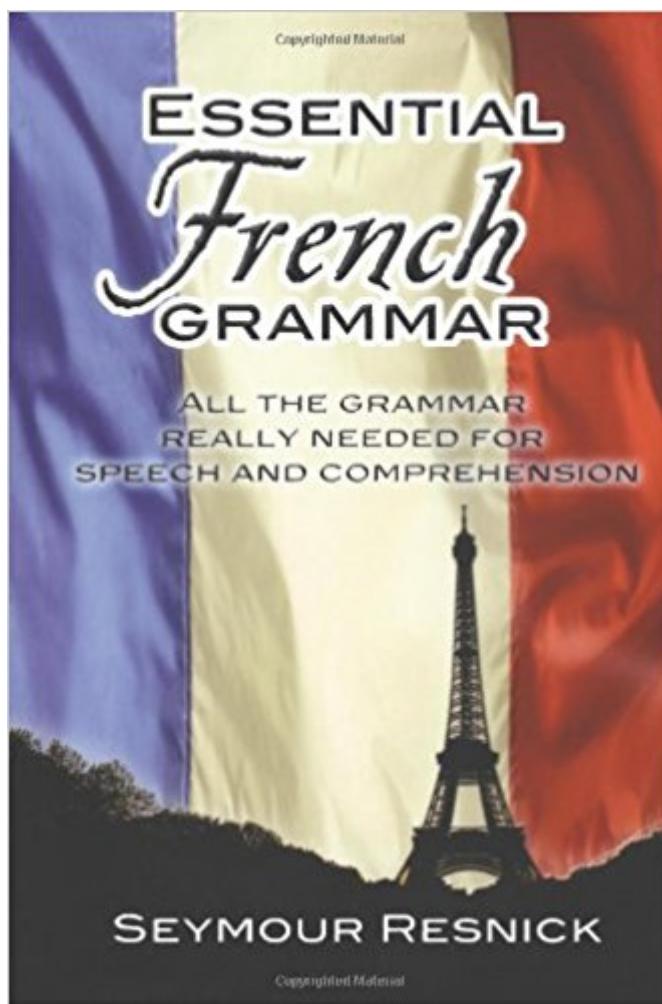


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I took two years of French in high school and a year in college. I wanted to brush up on my language skills and hopefully improve so I bought this book as a grammar reference. It is nicely laid out and very helpful if you have a basic understanding of the French language. I wish I would have had it during school as it seems like it would be helpful for those just learning as well.

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My son originally found a copy of this book at a used book store. He said it was concise, relevant, and exactly what he needed for his AP French class. His teacher was familiar with it and also thought highly of it. My son eventually bought this copy as a gift to his teacher.

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