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My First Bilingual Book®;Home (English®;Arabic) (English And Arabic Edition)



Synopsis

Guaranteed to enrich a toddler's vocabulary, this simple and fun series of bilingual board books is ideal for helping children discover a foreign language. Highlighting more complex concepts that go beyond colors and numbers, titles in the series feature animals, fruit, home, and vegetables. This collection combines photographs, bright illustrations, and dual-language words in clear, bold text. Suitable for both individuals and groups, these books are a child's perfect introduction to exploring other cultures.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Milet Publishing is a leading independent publisher of books for children, young adults, and adults, featuring more than 300 titles in English and more than 25 languages that celebrate multiculturalism and multilingualism. They are based in Chicago.

The printing is glossy and high quality. The pages are not as thick as the thickest board-books, but seem plenty durable. The illustrations are excellent, with simple details, and vivid, realistic colors. 4-5 items are shown separately on the left hand, and then they are shown in context, in a room, on the right hand side. I really like this approach. To me, this is very developmentally sound for children just learning to talk, and helps them relate the separate objects to similar contexts in their own lives. I love it that a typical "European" kitchen, bathroom and bedroom are depicted. Even the radiator

along the wall is present, rather than the more typical American vents. There are other little things that are culturally accurate to Europe, which I find very cool. It means that the publisher actually made the book based on things European children would see, rather than just trying to cram vocab onto the same pictures used for 28 other languages. My rating of this book is in contrast to many other books I've come across in the past. I wasn't quite sure what to expect, when I ordered this, but I'm very pleased. Here's why: It seems like sometimes with German language books for kids, the images are old-fashioned, just plain bad/boring, or worse, developmentally inappropriate for very young children. For example, I have seen "My first [fill in the blank] vocabulary" books, with pictures of things that are RIDICULOUS for a child just learning to talk/read... Either the items (or the words for the items) are much too complex, or they are things that are simply extraneous to the life of a toddler. That is not the case with this book. In the interest of full disclosure, I am a German teacher, and I have a lot of frustration with publishers who try to use boring, outdated images in edition after edition, as is the case with the textbook my district uses. The "new" edition, published in 2006, still contains most of the original pictures from the 1970s edition. Not cool, Holt, Rinehart and Winston. This is another reason why this book series is like a breath of fresh air for me.

It's a decent word book (colourful), and it is good that the German articles are included - they do say you should learn them with the nouns, so that you learn the genders. I did find their translation of curtains to "die Gardine" a little odd when the picture shows long curtains. In the area of Germany I had lived in, those would have been "der Vorhang". "Gardinen" were short and often didn't cover the entire window. Perhaps this was something regional though.

This book has helped my daughter with learning German. She really loves the simple around the house words and the cute realistic pictures that help her associate the word to real life objects. I would definitely buy this product or other books by this author again!

Pristine condition, my son loves all the Milet books!

great pictures and text

I don't like the computer graphics. It makes all the rooms in the house feel cold. The book binding has been poorly done. When I place the book on the table, it doesn't sit flat. (And yes, I've checked. My table is flat :))

Book is in simplified chinese and quite boring... Would recommend flash card instead.

A friend of mine is german, i wanted to find a book to teach both languages to her daughter :) This was perfect! Thank goodness for , i searched high and low could only find spanish or french.

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