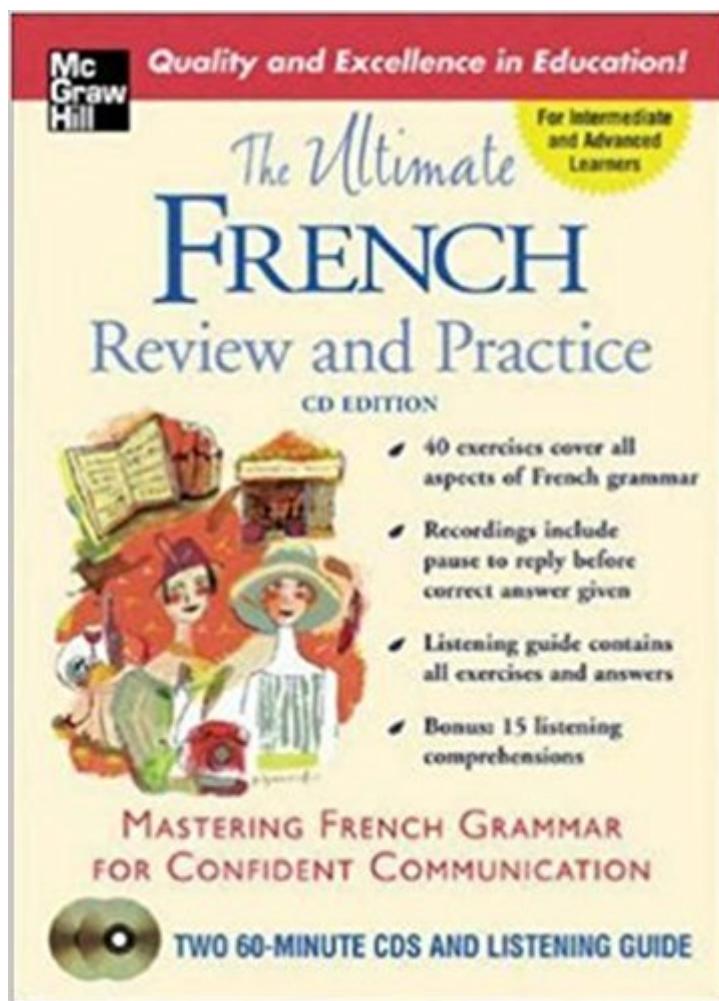


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## **Customer Reviews**

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Ronni Gordon and David Stillman are veteran language teachers and the successful authors of numerous French textbooks, guides, and workbooks.

A n instructive booklet was suppose to be included with this CD version of the book was missing.

I've been trying to make the leap from high school French (many years ago) to being able to actually converse a bit and I've spent a fortune on books, text books, CDs, and have even hired a tutor. This book is, in my opinion, the most useful, concise and easiest to understand summary of the French language. It is truly the very best. A fantastic reference tool for anyone from high beginner and up. My thanks to the authors.

The books in this series are quite excellent, but I was very disappointed in this audio CD. The exercises are fine (albeit too fast-paced for anyone but a real expert), and do indeed poke into some excellent grammar points that are not typically covered even in a fourth-semester college French class. My issue is with the audio quality. It's clear that the producers of this CD merely took a VERY BAD cassette version of this course and made a CD from it without doing any processing at all. The tape hiss dominates the tracks, and as a result it is often quite difficult to hear what the people are saying during the exercises. When you're dealing with a second language, it's imperative that you are able to distinguish between the words, and in many cases that's simply impossible here. I'd give this 4+ stars for content, but 2 or less for the audio issues.

The thing that always bothered me about learning grammar is how to know when you are using it correctly. For every abstract concept one should have a 'concrete' example. Author David Stillman does this and much more in The Ultimate French Review and Practice. In order to be 'confident' you must first be 'competent'. I followed 's recommendation and purchased 'Mastering French Grammar' to go with Mark Frobose's 'Behind the Wheel French' course and I'm happy I did.

Not only did I learn to speak a lot of useful travel French for my upcoming trip to Provence. I consider what I learned from 'Behind the Wheel French' to be a true foundation for future fluency in the language. I realize that this is a tall order but it's the truth. Learning French with this CD course took me from novice level to speaking my own mind in the language, and it did so without using formal grammar at all. Enter 'The Ultimate French Review'. I believe in redundancy. I seem to learn things better when the subject is approached from a variety of angles. 'The Ultimate French Review' gave me the formal grammar base to what I was learning to speak from 'Behind the Wheel French' while 'Behind the Wheel French' taught me how to actually speak the real French grammar I was learning with 'Ultimate French Review'. Priceless combo.

This is a wonderfully priced grammar review. It is not quite as polished (there are a few typos) as the second book by these two authors, "Ultimate Verb Review," but it is pretty good. It covers nouns, verbs, conjunctions, pronouns, basically everything you need to practice your French. I would suggest it as a good way to recall the French you've lost since high school, or as a good supplement to a college level course. You should also get the "Ultimate Verb Review" which treats French verbs in an even more thorough manner.

The book is great, but the audio is even better! For me it's been great refreshing my French as I drive to work. Of course, as the audio packaging indicates, it's intended for intermediate French-speakers. Beginners may find that the presenters speak fairly quickly. That aside, the sound quality is actually quite good too. If you think the audio on "Ultimate French" is bad, you haven't heard the audio on "Mastering French!" Overall, I highly recommend!

Although the listings and packaging make it look like this is an audiobook version of the (wonderful) textbook, it's not. The discs contain a couple of exercises per chapter presented as oral exercises along with dictations. It's been useful to work through in the car, although the pace is a bit fast for me.

This book is best for people who have had some French before - maybe in high school or college and are looking to brush up before either progressing in their studies or for travel abroad. This is not a good book for complete beginners as it assumes at least passing familiarity with the language. That said, it is the single most comprehensive and thorough review manual I've yet to come across in any language. It's easily worth double the cost.

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