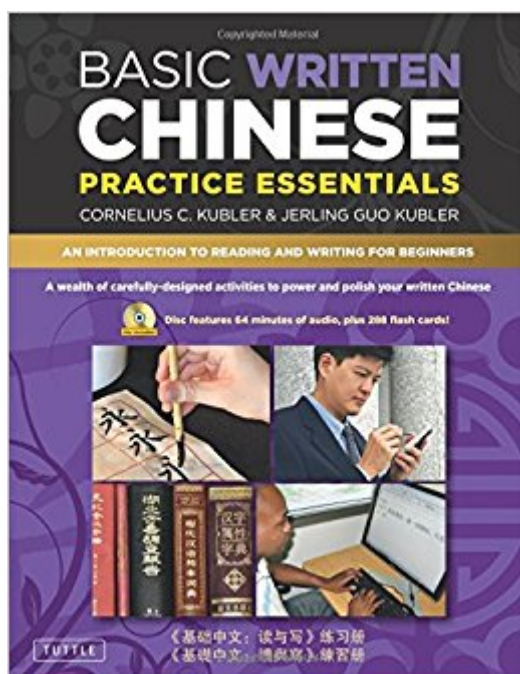


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# Basic Written Chinese Practice Essentials: An Introduction To Reading And Writing For Beginners (MP3 Audio CD And Printable Flash Cards Included)



## Synopsis

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I have collected almost all of the books, tapes, videos on learning CHinese. This book is a good beginning to WRITING CHinese with a fine dvd. You will need to study meaning, grammar, etc elsewhere/ This is not one of those silly books that tries to make you remember Hanzi from made up pictograms.

I've looked at, and rejected, many Chinese language learning materials. I learned my spoken Chinese with Fluenz, which rocks, but it doesn't teach reading and writing, This book takes good chunk sizes, and understands the importance of lots of practice. They even manage to make the practice reasonably interesting right from the start (difficult when your vocabulary is at the level of a dozen or so characters!). By about the fifty character mark, I was laughing at the occasional burst of humor in their exercise samples. Note that this review really relates to the combination of Basic Written Chinese and the Practice Essentials workbook.

Helpful

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textbooks, and I love the "second opinion" these books give. It even comes with flashcards you can print out! I definitely recommend this!!Happy Learning!

This is great, six words per lesson, and plenty of supplementary vocabulary and repetitive short drills to build memory of the characters. This book is without question the best available, even much better than those used in China and Taiwan.

These are the absolute BEST Chinese language textbooks on the market. Great companion workbook to Basic Written Chinese. The author (Kubler) has created a curriculum that anyone can learn. The CD's work great, the textbook is easy to follow, and you'll be learning some basic written Chinese in no time! Great purchase!

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Very good!

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