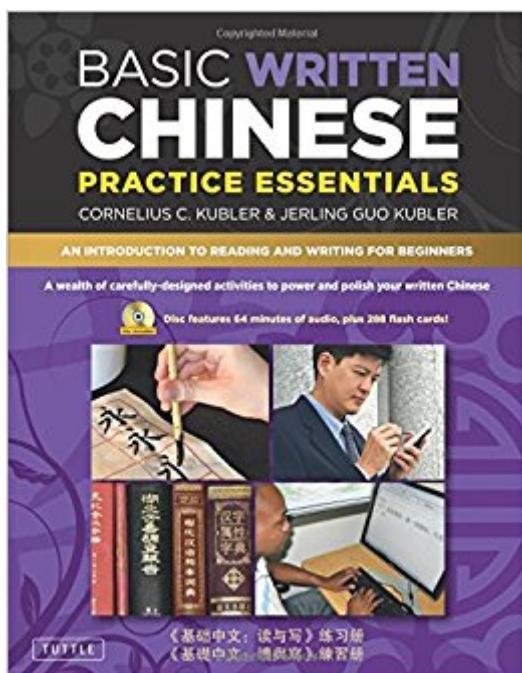


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Synopsis

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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.

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Helpful

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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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