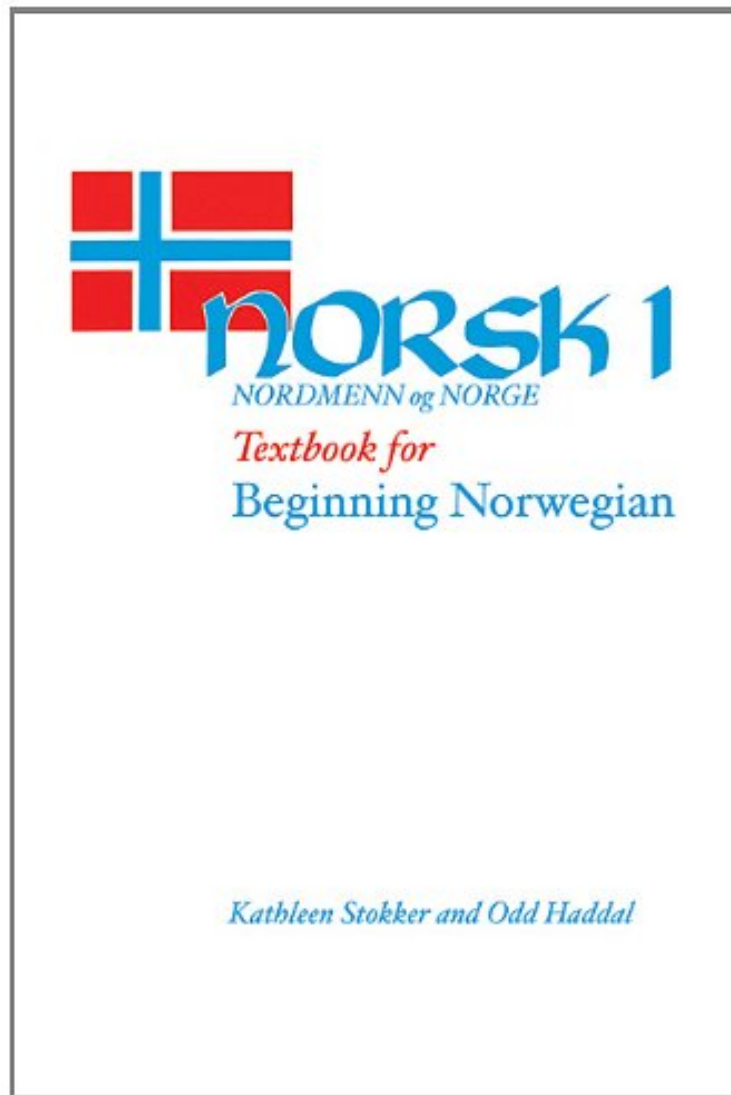


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requires the workbook...which is a good complement to the main textbook. (There's a set of audio files available from the publisher's website that are also handy.)The only minus? It's heavy. I hope eventually offers it in an e-reader format.23 of 24 people found the following review helpful. Oldie... but goodie...By Chris C.After completing Hippocrene's Beginner's Norwegian and Teach Yourself Norwegian, I was in somewhat of a rut for quite a while. There really aren't any readily available intermediate Norwegian courses out there (that I could find). Listening to Norwegian internet radio, reading Norwegian newspapers, and watching Norwegian TV helps, but can be frustrating because it's a BIG jump from the elementary courses. I had a copy of this book lying around, but I assumed that since I'd completed several other Norwegian courses, I wouldn't get anything out of this text.Boy, was I wrong. I'm about half way through now, and I can say that it is absolutely excellent. There is no vocabulary overload (a problem with most other language courses I have--and I have lots of them!), concepts are introduced and then constantly reviewed as part of later exercises (most books introduce a topic and you don't see it again... and of course, forget about it), and best of all, there are TONS of exercises (most other courses are pathetically skimpy with exercises).In fact, the approach that this author takes is to give short dialogs and readings for the reader to analyze (containing new topics) and follows them with many, many helpful exercises. You sort of make connections and deductions as you go through the problems. It's a sort of "learning by discovery" approach--a very "active" learning style. It's written entirely in Norwegian (except occasional footnotes) and forces you to think. And like I said, once something is introduced, you are not allowed to forget it. It just keeps coming up. Of course, this approach burns a lot of paper up! The book is nearly 600 pages--most of it exercises. However... GUARANTEED that you'll remember this stuff with this approach! I think one reason that newer texts don't take this "active," exercise-happy, discovery approach is that they are too cheap! ...cut all the exercises out and save a lot of money in publishing cost... or cut it all out and call it an audio-based course :-).Granted, I don't think this style of teaching will appeal to everyone. But it sure appeals to me. I wish I could find texts written like this one in other languages that I study. Also, I probably wouldn't recommend this book to a complete beginner. I think it might be a bit intimidating at first. But if you've gone through TY Norwegian or Hippocrene's Beginner's Norwegian, and you learn well visually, analytically, and by example, by all means give this book a try! Also, since the book is quite old, the audio is very hard to find. You should have the sound of the language in your head before starting with this book if you can't find the audio. I don't have it, but it's no disadvantage at all since the other courses I've done have quite a lot of audio.An added benefit is that once you've completed this book, there is another more advanced text that follows (by the same author). Bottom line: for traditional/analytical style learners, this is THE book. You want this book.-----

Addendum (fall 2015): I am revisiting this text to brush up, since I've forgotten a lot since I made the first review above. I want to add that the U of Wisconsin now offers the audio to this book as a download in their internet book store. I wish I would have had the audio the first time around years ago. It is EXCELLENT and offers not only audio to the book dialogues but also has some extra audio exercises not found in the book--and some great dictation exercises as well for better understanding. It's definitely worth getting. At this point, after having used the audio in conjunction with the book, I'd say it's vital. It makes things so much more complete and "real" when you can hear it.My opinion that this is the best Norwegian book out there has not changed since my first review. There are a couple of good offerings that have come along since, that I'd recommend as supplemental to this text, but none have come even close to being as good of an all-purpose text that takes you well beyond the beginner stage as this one does. I still think a good combo for the beginner is, first, Beginning Norwegian (Hansen) and then this text. I'd say a good supplement from the newer stuff is "The Mystery of Nils" (I'm not as fond of the pedagogy; however, it is an interesting and fun story and a helpful resource). But I'd use this text as the primary and that one as added reading/exposure.4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Great second resource for self study NorwegianBy Geoffrey BThis is a great second resource for learning Norwegian. As others note it's mostly in Norwegian, and this makes it hard to pick up as your first resource. I started this after doing the first 15 lessons of Pimsleur Norwegian and have found it to be a great way to stop translating and start using Norwegian to express ideas. If you are the sort of person who learns more from examples than grammar charts and explanations, this is a great tool for Norwegian.One caveat: If you click for paperback options, it takes you to the page for the Teacher's Manual, not a paperback version of the textbook.

This introduction to Norwegian helps students acquire the basic units of vocabulary and structure and use that knowledge to learn about Norway and Norwegian culture. Once students acquire the basic units of vocabulary and structure, they will use their knowledge of the language to learn about Norway. Students will learn about the cities of Oslo and Bergen, how to converse when eating in a Norwegian home or restaurant, and about Norwegian schools. Emphasis is also given to travel and communications, as well as the seasons of the year and Norwegian holidays. The present edition of the text features a short grammar summary, a reference for review to assist in drawing together aspects of the grammar that are presented throughout the text. To aid in developing good pronunciation and intonation habits, as well as to internalize certain items of vocabulary and structure, most chapters contain a practice dialogue for students to practice repeatedly while studying the chapter.

Language NotesText: Norwegian, EnglishFrom the Back CoverThe present edition of the text features a short grammar summary, a reference for review to assist you in drawing together all aspects of the grammar that are presented throughout the text. Your goal is to be able to communicate meaningfully with others in Norwegian.About the AuthorKathleen Stokker is professor of Norwegian at Luther College. A frequent lecturer on the Norwegian language, she has written numerous articles on Norwegian folklore, history, and traditions.