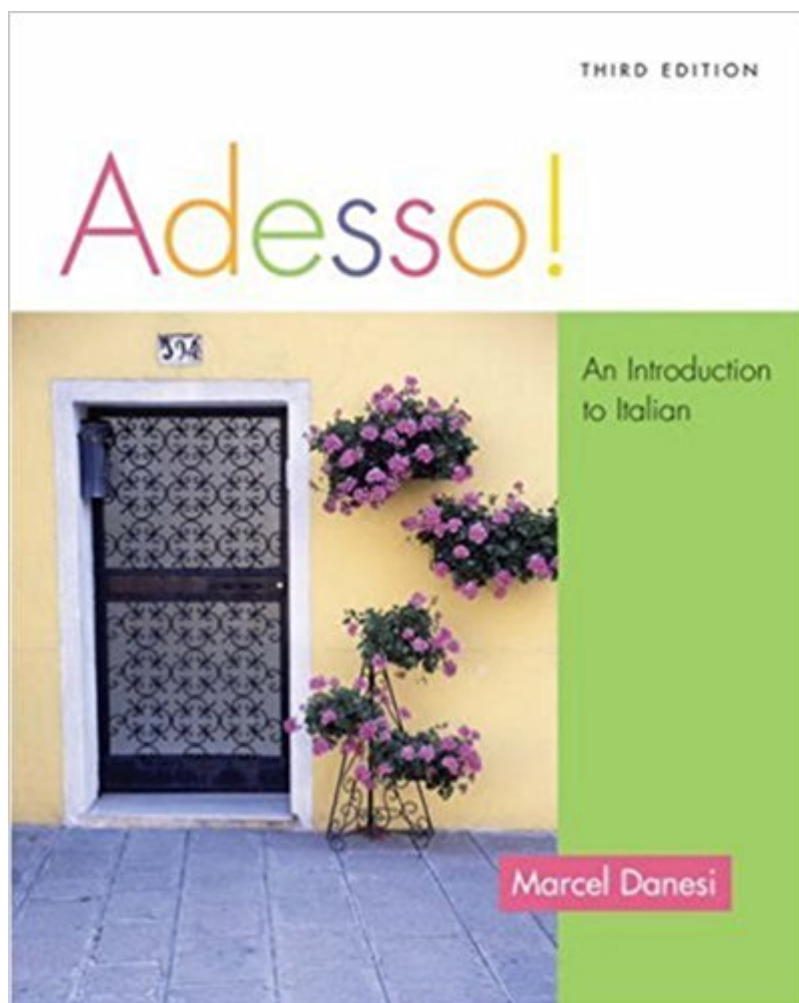


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# Adesso!: An Introduction To Italian (with Audio CD)



## Synopsis

ADESSO!: AN INTRODUCTION TO ITALIAN (WITH AUDIO CD) will help you use the Italian language in real-life situations. You'll learn the practical and formal skills of the language and prepare you for conversational situations.

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This textbook with accompanying CD is VERY EASY to follow, giving many excellent real-life experiential samplings for conversational Italian, along with the all-important grammar, vocabulary,

etc. I am enjoying it as an accompaniment to the Conversational Italian class I'm currently taking at university. Ciao, amici! See you in Italia...:)

I read about the positive reviews here and took the plunge - put my order to have the book delivered across the Pacific Ocean. It was a delight at arrival - well printed, realistic scenarios posing the ones I experienced during my trip to Italy. Excited and carried away, I quickly got myself a tutor to accompany the book (I figured, if I can not be in a classroom like the other reviews did, a native-speaker tutor should well be a good alternative.) The problem is, once the tutor leaves, I can not recall what the pronunciation and accent of everything, anything, is like. The audio CD that comes with the book does not provide line by line demonstration. It only has a 1 minute long conversation for each of the 17 chapters. But for a beginner who has but 1 hour of private lesson per week, I would appreciate more "sound" from the book to keep me familiar with the language. Aside from the drawback, the book has been good otherwise.

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