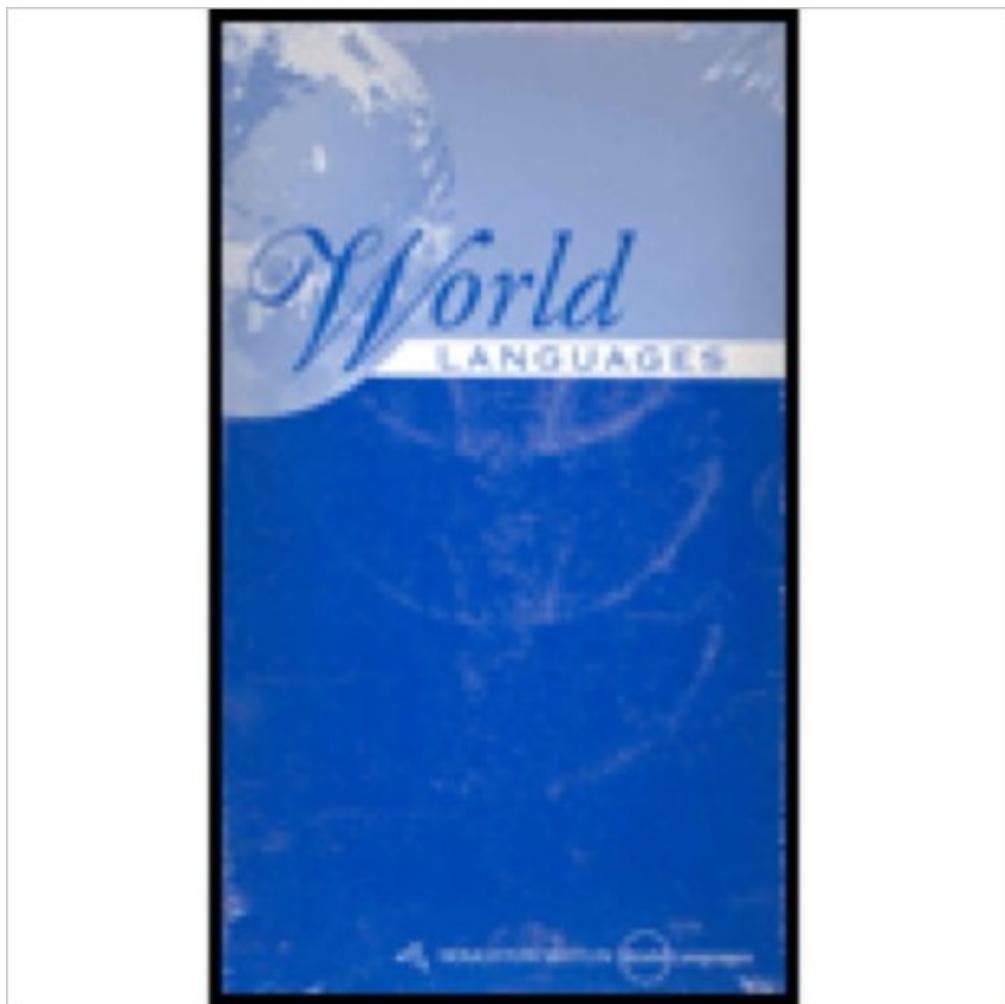


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This book and audio CD were required for a French Phonetics class at my university. I am fluent in French but wanted to improve my pronunciation. Our course was supplemented by material from the professor, but this book was the main resource that we had. The text is well written and gives very good explanations. Some of them had to be read a few times, but those sections were also more complicated, such as the liaisons facultatives/interdites/obligatoires. The attention to detail was appreciated, though there are some organs that are not mentioned in the picture of the "organes de la parole" but the necessity of those could depend on the course. It is meant for relatively advanced french speakers, as the entire book is in french and basically assumes you have a good understanding of the language and wish to focus on your pronunciation. I really like the CD that is included with the book. For me personally, I struggle with differentiating between certain vowel sounds in french. This is a big issue because the pronunciation of a vowel can change the entire word. I loved the exercises that required you to listen to a word and identify the sound, they really helped me recognize the differences, while the book explained how to recreate them. The book is also great in its explanations of english versus french and gives many helpful explanations of why american english speakers study with certain aspects of french pronunciation, and also told

you how to avoid them. Overall, a very comprehensive text with good exercises that helped me exponentially in my french pronunciation. I decided to keep it after the class was over so that I can use it later and continue to practice my pronunciation.

This CD set was needed for a class on French phonetics and diction. The CDs work with a basic CD player, but not with my computer, which doesn't even recognise them. Instead of opening a media player and hearing it, the disc reader churns for several moments and spits back the disc. The discs I'm using were brand new in the packaging, so there's no excuse for them not to work in my laptop.

These CDs worked fine and the packaging and shipping were great. However, I didn't realize that these are only half of the CDs for the textbook...so keep that in mind when purchasing.

I had the honor of taking a phonetics class with Diane Dansereau in which we used this book. She is an amazing professor and my pronunciation was immensely improved!

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