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_customer_1 All the other negative points brought out by the other 3 reviewers are valid. With a good teacher this is a good book for a difficult subject. I used it in an intermediate/advance class and we covered 4 chapters in a one-semester class, for 3 credits. I spent a lot of time listening (to CD and companion site) and studying the vocabs, grammar and exercises. It has been frustrating and difficult but I was able to slowly absorb quite a bit of the materials and I am beginning to feel that I can start to read simple materials (with a dictionary) and understand some of the news and documentaries from Youtube in bits and pieces. I know that this will probably be a long journey for me to become better in the subject. I hope to report back when I am able to finish studying the entire book. 8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Instructors: please, please find another book for your students. By limerick42 This book is intensely frustrating to use. It's heavily focused on grammar, but the grammar instructions are confusing to the point that I still don't understand what's going on even after reading the page 3 times. The vocabulary seems to be chosen completely at random (you learn words like 'existence' and 'privacy' before you learn the word 'blue'). Vocabulary lists are now defined using Arabic words that you have seen before rather than using English. This means that if you don't remember the old word, you can't learn the new word either. The authors don't really keep track of which words you have already learned, so all the exercises are filled with words that aren't in the vocabulary list and haven't ever been presented before. Each chapter has a long passage for reading practice, in which you are supposed to guess words that you don't know from context. This would be reasonable, if you already knew 90% of the words and only needed to guess 10%--but there are so many unfamiliar words that you're left with no context to figure them out. Even familiar words are used in unfamiliar forms so that you're left guessing what they mean. Did you think you could use the glossary in the back of the book to figure it out? You can't--because the glossary only goes Arabic-English (not English-Arabic) and doesn't even include all the vocabulary. Some of the words aren't in my other dictionary either. And don't make the mistake of thinking you can figure anything out by buying the separate answer key, because the key only includes about half the exercises. Some of the online exercises are OK--but many of them are formatted so that it's impossible to click and drag the answers to the right place because the boxes are the wrong size and you have to scroll past the answer choices in order to reach the end of the question. With this book, even simple homework assignments take hours and become so frustrating that even highly motivated students like me end up pulling their hair out and remembering nothing of what they were supposed to learn. The one redeeming thing about this book is that it presents all the vocabulary in Levantine and Egyptian dialects as well as standard, and on the website you can listen to how they are all pronounced. But since there is never an opportunity to practice the dialects, they don't sink in. Bottom line, I love learning languages, and I've always been successful before. But after a year and a half of using the Al-Kitaab books, I cannot even hold a simple conversation. Teachers: please, please find another book to use. 8 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Stay Away By Meera I never thought anything could be worse than Al-Kitaab part 1. However I was wrong, Al-Kitaab part 2 is even worse. I had to use this book through Intermediate Arabic 2 and Advanced Arabic. This book is horrible. It has all the same weaknesses as Al-Kitaab part 1 but they are even worse in this book. I don't even know where to begin. Just like Alif Baa and Al Kitaab Part 1, the jump between Part 1 and Part 2 is way too big! Like part one, it is more of the guessing technique, nothing is explained to you, the grammar lessons are so short and they only give you one or two examples (with no English translation!). For example in the first chapter they teach how to say something is forbidden, they give you ONE example of how to do it, using only one of the two possible ways you can say it, and then expect you to do a whole exercise on it. They also expect you to guess verbal patterns based on their root, which even my Egyptian and Lebanese friends say is impossible. The authors want you to guess at everything! It is so frustrating. They give way too much vocabulary per chapter, this isn't bad actually, but the problem is you never activate this vocabulary. The videos rarely use half the vocab they give you, neither do the interviews or the dialogues. Also like Al-Kitaab part 1, none of these dialogues teach you things you will actually need. At this level I still didn't know how to talk about my hobbies in Arabic, I couldn't even order food or drink in a restaurant or anything like that. And it wasn't just me, my whole class could not. Our teacher made print out sheets of that type of things because the book does not teach it. Well, this book is just as bad. The dialogues are useless so are the stories. They don't have the dialogues/stories written out either, or even have a translation. Every other language book I have ever used ALWAYS has the dialogues written out, you won't learn by just listening to it, maybe you can offer a couple of ONLY listening exercises but not the entire book. It is ridiculous. The exercises in this book are quite bad too, you never actually write full sentences in Arabic. It is always fill in the blank or answer questions that usually only require one word answers. During my Arabic classes we had to use Rosetta Stone, and I actually learned more from Rosetta Stone (that is saying a lot since RS Arabic is pretty bad) than this book. I had to supplement this book with other books otherwise I don't think I would have passed the classes or have gotten anywhere in the level of Arabic I am in now. I love languages and have learned other hard ones as well, I have used countless language books and the Al-Kitaab series has been the worst. If you need these books for your class make sure you get another book to supplement, especially a grammar, or you will be extremely frustrated the entire time.

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