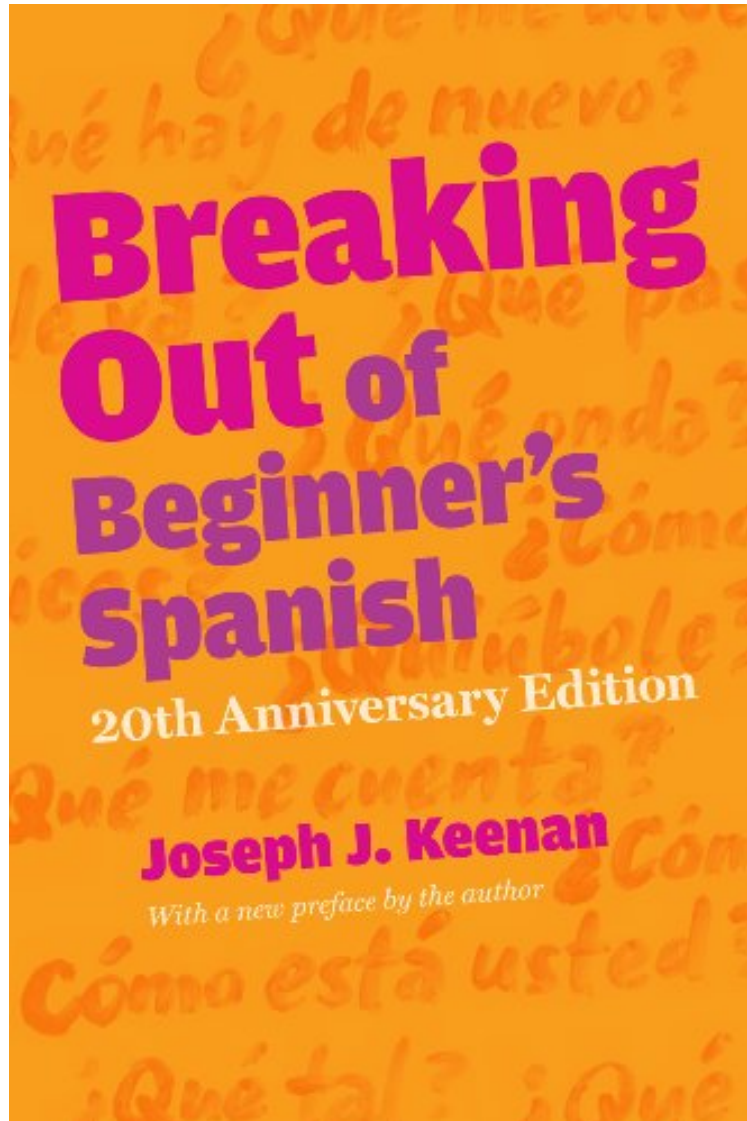


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**Joseph J. Keenan : Breaking Out of Beginner's Spanish** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Breaking Out of Beginner's Spanish:

22 of 22 people found the following review helpful. Want to speak Spanish like a native speaker? If you answered Yes, this book will help get you there. By Grace I have been studying Spanish for several years in various ways: learn-on-the-go CDs, self-study books, classroom books. This book is one of my favorites because learning the technicalities of a language is good, but this book takes it to the native level AND does so very entertainingly (really appreciate his

stories and humor). I feel like I'm having a conversation with a personal coach. This book addresses so many questions and gives such clarifications, such as distinctions and nuances between words. When words have similar meanings, this book gives clear guidance on which word is most closely aligned with the message I want to convey. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. You need this book! By Karen Nelson If you don't have this book, you can't even imagine what you're missing... It's packed with information, funny and incredibly informative. I have actually read this book while on a roadtrip and giggled so much that the driver wanted me to read it out loud. Although: the new edition does not seem to be any different from the old edition. I got the new one only because my old (dogeared, underlined) version mysteriously disappeared when my daughter went off to college. 9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. The author has a great sense of humor. By SBI I'm trying to improve speaking/reading/writing my very basic Spanish. I ordered this book hoping that it would do just that-break me out of Beginner's Spanish! I've read about 1/4 of the book so far and it's been very helpful. The author has a great sense of humor, which to me, is appreciated. Some days I feel very overwhelmed and feel as though I will never be competent in the language. Reading this book is helping me to feel as though I can and will do this! I've been highlighting my way through and have been making notes. It is very helpful to know how to better communicate for sure!

Many language books are boring; this one is not. Written by a native English speaker who learned Spanish the hard way by trying to talk to Spanish-speaking people, it offers English speakers who have a basic knowledge of Spanish hundreds of tips for using the language more fluently and colloquially, with fewer obvious "gringo" errors. Writing with humor, common sense, and a minimum of jargon, Joseph J. Keenan covers everything from pronunciation, verb usage, and common grammatical mistakes to the subtleties of addressing other people, "trickster" words that look alike in both languages, inadvertent obscenities, and intentional swearing. He guides readers through the set phrases and idiomatic expressions that pepper the native speaker's conversation and provides a valuable introduction to the most widely used Spanish slang. With this book, both students in school and adult learners who never want to see another classroom can rapidly improve their speaking ability. *Breaking Out of Beginner's Spanish* will be an essential aid in passing the supreme language test: communicating fluently with native speakers.

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