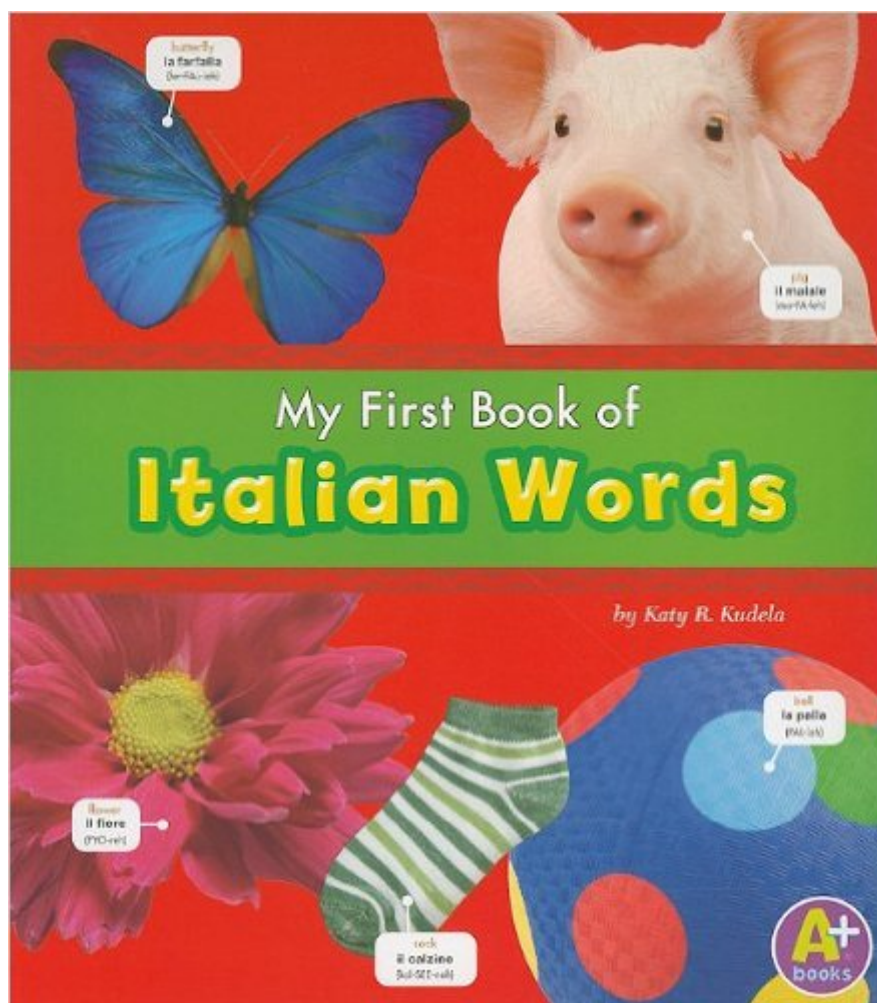


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My First Book Of Italian Words (Bilingual Picture Dictionaries) (Multilingual Edition)



Synopsis

How do you say hello in Italian? Explore the pages of this Italian/English picture dictionary to learn new words and phrases. Colorful photographs and simple labels make learning Italian easy.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

This book says that it's written by Katy R Kudela, but the inside reveals that the translations are done by translations.com. I'm not surprised, given the shabby attention to detail and many outright errors in this short book. The format is a double-page spread with a theme like family, food, bathroom, etc, with items labeled with the Greek word and the English alphabet transliteration beneath for a pronunciation guide. 1. No articles are included. 2. There are wrong words. Foot (and leg) in Greek is podi. Kudela labels the leg as podi and the foot as pelma, which apparently means "sole." 3. There are at least 4 times where the word in Greek is not the same as the transliterated word! For example, Kudela says that mpanio is pronounced "tou-a-LE-ta." That's a completely different word! 4. The pronunciation guides aren't correct or even consistent! Typically, the e sound in HE is written as "i" for pronunciation. Here, it is written as i, ee, and even E! The front of the book notes that the sh sound doesn't exist in Greek, but later says that jump rope (sxoinaki) is pronounced "shee-NA-kee!" No note is made of what is usually written as DH (the TH sound in

THERE, as opposed to the one in thermos), so toothbrush is supposedly pronounced "ododovourtsa." This is just inexcusable laziness. Shame on Capstone for letting this go to print.

I was so happy to finally find a book of Greek and English words; however, I was really disappointed that the words lacked the article that goes with each Greek noun. For example, the noun KAREKLA (chair) requires the feminine article of I (e).....to remedy this situation, I had my Greek husband go through the entire book and add the correct articles. You can't learn Greek without knowing the appropriate article.

A fun little bilingual book! There are a couple of errors I would like to point out though. The translation of "pants" is not "mutante". "Mutante" means underwear. "Pants" are "pantaloni". The other thing I found odd is that the picture of a family is not your typical Italian family.

This book seems to be a template formula, with words slightly out of context and a generic semi-urban set of images that just aren't Greek in theme. Aside from the font, there is very little about it that is particularly Greek. My sense is that they just use the same book over and over again for different languages.

Besides several inaccuracies, spelling, translating one word and then phonetically explaining its synonym... this book is flimsy and not very impressive. Translations are provided by translations.com. Buy an app instead.

We primarily speak Italian with our son (as it is my husband's first language). I was excited to purchase this book as it can be quite difficult to find Italian children's books in America; however, I was not overly impressed with the book. It was overly simplified but perhaps that was an error in my understanding of the product rather than a true criticism.

I bought this book to teach my three year old some Foreign vocabulary words. The book has lots of colorful photos, all clearly labeled with English words and a phonetic pronunciation. The phonetic pronunciations are all pretty accurate, but there are some that are slightly off, but not enough to worry that you (or your child) is mispronouncing the word and saying something a native speaker would find embarrassing. If you have never studied the language of the book you are buying, be sure you are familiar with phonetic pronunciations like those you would find in a dictionary, or you

might be frustrated trying to figure out exactly how to say the word. I bought the Russian, German, and Italian versions of this book, which is nice, because they all contain the same basic pictures and vocabulary. All are some of my three year old's favorite books.

Cute book; the pictures are generic and are probably used with every "My First Book of ____ Words" volume. I would have given it five stars if included pictures of Greece.

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