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Pro:The pictures and exercises in the book are helpful
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Great as listed! Is very helpful in class! The bookstore wanted a fortune just for a used book. I found this one for a fraction of the cost and it was in super great condition. Everyone was jealous when they found out how much I paid for the exact same book they paid triple for! Such an awesome deal!

From the perspective of a student who is also a language teacher, this book is excellent. The activities are authentic, the vocabulary is useful without being overwhelming, and the online component is absolutely worth the price of a new book. In addition to covering the language, the book also does a good job of explaining culture.

I bought this book for a college-level Spanish class. I knew that I needed an iLrn access code, so I went ahead and bought a new book, since typically a used book's access key will not work for a separate user. This was a great book for me as a student because of all of the pictures and vocabulary that it included. It is a very user-friendly manual even for the older students. There are tons of learning activities (picking verbs to use, tenses, vocabulary, etc.). The iLrn website had practice quizzes, learning activities, videos, and more. It was a practical option for learning the language. After finishing the class, I ended up giving the book to my brother who is just starting to learn Spanish in high school because it encompasses lots of vocabulary and verbs without going too fast. He seems to really enjoy it too.

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