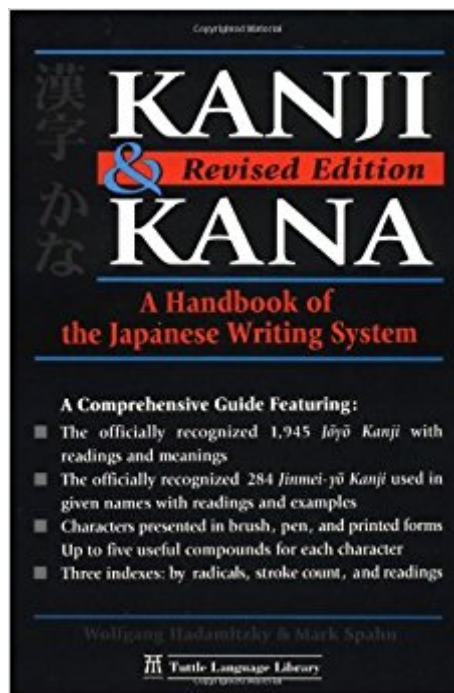




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Synopsis

Since 1981, Japanese Kanji & Kana by Wolfgang Hadamitzky and Mark Spahn has been one of the most trusted and popular study guides for beginning and intermediate students of Japanese. This revised edition not only covers the current 1,945 jōyō kanji, it also provides a comprehensive overview of the Japanese kanji and kana writing system, including writing, usage, punctuation, and how to use kanji dictionaries. Indexes allow for kanji look-up by pronunciation, radical, and stroke order. A unique feature is a jinmeiyō kanji list covering characters frequently used in personal names but seldom taught in class. Each entry includes on and kun readings, English translations, stroke order, and example vocabulary.

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Customer Reviews

"This will be a useful reference tool in the future. There are some good tips here."

•Deep Kyoto blog
This book is great for helping students learn and memorize the different Japanese characters, but I have to emphasize that having at least some prior knowledge of Japanese is important for working with this book. The true beginner will most likely become overwhelmed with all the information and might even feel intimidated just by reading the introduction. Many people who choose to learn Japanese try to find quick and easy ways to learn how to write, but writing in this language takes dedication and patience. Using this book will not make you a writing or reading expert in a matter of months, but it will certainly make a huge difference.
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The historic material, which many students skip, is

meaty enough to satisfy geeky questions but not so demanding that I felt at all guilty about skimming through the more challenging sections." [8 Asians blog](#)"One of the best modern texts. Highly recommended" [The Japan Times](#)"A helpful guide for anyone who needs to use kanji." [Mainichi Daily News](#)"The kana and kanji book has the most common readings for each character which could definitely be worth memorizing. It also has stroke order which is useful and common words using that kanji which is very useful." [How to Japan blog](#)"Japanese Kanji and Kana by Wolfgang Hadamitzky and Mark Spahn is a much better resource for anyone learning Japanese, because it is so versatile." [Judith Meyer, LearnLangs.com](#)"Each character is introduced with full info: stroke order, radical and composition, ON and KUN pronunciations along with different meanings that these imply (very useful for me!), as well as several example words or phrases that can be created with these Kanji. The examples have been carefully chosen so that they only use Kana or Kanji that were previously introduced, so that you don't need to jump around in the book. All around a must-have for students of Japanese." [Goodreads](#) --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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Anyone who has ever tried to use a kanji dictionary knows how hard it can be to get the hang of it; this book takes the guess work out of it. I'm a high school Japanese teacher, and though I teach my students how to use a kanji dictionary properly during their third year, I find this book to be very user friendly and easy for a non-native speaker to navigate. I used the older edition when I was learning Japanese way back when and have it lovingly marked up with notes and highlighter markings; I even still use it in my classes to this day! Is it a definitive guide or full of all the possible combinations? No. But it is a great starting point and has proper stroke order and useful combinations for each kanji. I highly recommend it.

This book includes the entire Jouyou Kanji list (1,945 characters), as well as complete hiragana and katakana, all of which are required to be considered literate in Japanese. This alone makes the book an excellent learning tool for any beginner ready to tackle the written language. Each kanji symbol is followed with romanized readings, as well as several common compound words it may be found in. Every symbol even provides stroke order, to aid in proper writing techniques. The book pushes beyond the basics, however, also including a list of nearly 300 kanji that can be found in names. The first section of the book provides comprehensive reading for any level student, featuring

history, styles, rules, punctuation, and more, for the written language. The indexes in the back give the learner three methods of searching for kanji: by radical, by stroke count, or by reading. While this book will not provide the reader with a complete list of the thousands of kanji that exist, it is an excellent tool with which to start at the basics and help you work your way towards fluency.

Buy the print version and skip the kindle. The kindle version could be great if they enabled hyperlinks between the kanji references, instead it's a chore to navigate.

It took just a little longer than I expected to get here but it was in excellent condition. I love it and can't wait to finish reading through it so I can do a follow up review. So far it was well worth it. I wonder what the difference in the 2012 edition is?

A great reference book for people learning how to read, write and pronounce kanji and kana. The book was in great condition when I got it, almost like new, and it has helped me out a lot on brush strokes for some difficult kanji.

I like the book it's helpful. I'm VERY disappointed in the fact the readings are NOT in kana.. they have one small section on hiragana and katakana. Which is dumb since they are just as needed as kanji

wonderful book

The dictionary was very helpful. I only hope I can digest the contents.

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