Synopsis

Cheng & Tsui’s best-loved Chinese textbook series is new, revised, and better than ever! Integrated Chinese is already the leading introductory Chinese textbook at colleges and universities around the world. The third edition of this time-tested series has been fully updated to meet the needs of today’s students with a full-color design, up-to-date vocabulary, enhanced cultural coverage, a diverse cast of characters, additional communicative and interactive exercises, and a realistic storyline linking all the dialogues and readings. Integrated Chinese is ideally suited for students with diverse learning styles who want a comprehensive grounding in the Chinese language. The series provides coordinated practice in the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, as well as additional insight into Chinese culture and society. Throughout the series, Integrated Chinese builds on the three modes of communication: interpretive, interpersonal, and presentational to build proficiency in using the Chinese language in real-life situations. Integrated Chinese develops language abilities while encouraging active use of the language within and beyond the classroom. Task-based questions and learning objectives are included in every lesson to help students take control of developing language proficiency and problem-solving skills. The Integrated Chinese series is a course designed for two years of study at the college level. It includes textbooks, workbooks, character workbooks, audio recordings, multimedia resources, and teacher resources. Student materials are available in both simplified and traditional character versions.

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Customer Reviews

The second part of the book in the series continues where the last book left off. The book covers the material pretty well and is one of the textbooks used in college courses. As it is a continuation, it is recommended to actually read through the other books or at least have a good knowledge of written and spoken Mandarin before trying to tackle this book.

As a native English speaker and fluent French speaker Chinese was a great challenge. The Cheng-Tsui Integrated Chinese series is excellent. The books provide a clear, coherent and well-written guide to learning Chinese reading, writing, speaking and cultural education. There is a consistent set of characters you follow through subject-related lessons. Travel words, food, finding an apartment, seeing tourist sites, etc. The book has a set of great indices/vocabulary lists at the back of the book. One gives English->Pinyin and the other gives Pinyin->English. My class used the whole series of textbook, workbook, character workbook and online audio exercises. After 6 months of studying I spent a month in China. Great trip thanks to this book series! One note of caution: Books are available in traditional and simplified. Make sure you buy the one you/your course requires.

Best books I've found for learning Chinese. From very basic to very advanced. Learn to read, write, speak, etc. These books are the ones for learning the language but there are some for practicing writing characters. This book did not come with any audio CDs. I guess those are separate.

Absolutely fantastic series of books! The first two years of my Chinese classes in college used the Integrated Chinese series as the main curriculum material. The entire series incorporates vocabulary and grammar points that are relevant to the beginner/intermediate student. Rather than simply listing out dozens of vocab words, each chapter is prefaced with a dialogue or short commentary that uses the following vocab words. Teaching relevant words is one thing, but giving them in a relevant context was incredibly helpful. In addition, the dialogues and commentaries were not random stories - the Integrated Chinese series follows the lives of a handful of characters as they walk through life together, recording their conversations and experiences. It very much resembles Friends the way that the characters interact with one another, fall in love, go to school, express struggles, etc. For our class, we wanted to plow through each chapter for the sake of getting to the next drama-filled episode of Li You and Wang Peng's love story. The accompanying videos were the icing on the cake, as (very clearly) white actors were used with terrible dubs to tell
the thrilling storyline of how Gao Wenzhong tries to intervene in the aforementioned love story. People have Bachelor parties and Gossip Girl get-togethers, but each day of class for us became an Integrated Chinese viewing party. All joking aside, the approach this series takes to teaching language (much less a language which is often deemed "too difficult" for native English speakers) is simple and natural and caters well to the cultural environments that college age students encounter. Each chapter concludes with a handful of vocab/grammar practices, and the workbooks (purchased separately) really helped to drive these points home for me. They also introduced new points that could be extrapolated from the main text. We tore the workbook sheets out each week when we turned them in as homework. Using these books four semesters in a row prepared me well for third year Chinese and I still have/read through all of these books. Thank you Integrated Chinese!

I lived in China for two years, then returned to go back to school. This semester I decided to audit a Chinese course to see if I could get it back/improve on what I knew. This (and the two associated books) was perfect for expanding my vocabulary and grammar in a direction different from what I learned in China. In China, they taught exactly what I needed to know to talk with people that day, or travel that weekend. They knew that people could get by without advanced grammar skills, so I knew very little of that. This book won't help you perfect your tones - you really need to go there for that - but it will make your Chinese sound more educated and proper.

The topics in this book are cheesy as hell, but it is a great text book. Lessons build off each other a give you a chance for review. Grammar is introduced gradually. There are a manageable number of new words in each lesson. I took Chinese at university for one year and then decided to study on my own and with a language partner. If you are self paced, aim for about one lesson every other week. Audio can be found at[...]

This textbook really helped me read more fluently and integrate more grammar principles. I read every lesson out loud and practiced it until I could read it fluently and say it correctly every week. This helped me learn new characters and learn new grammar principles as I read them and understood them in the context of the stories. Very helpful!

This series was written for college students but it is also good for high school students as well. My son is a freshman in high school and he likes this series much better than the other books he had before. He finds the content more interesting and the format is easier to follow. The language notes
and culture highlights are excellent.

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