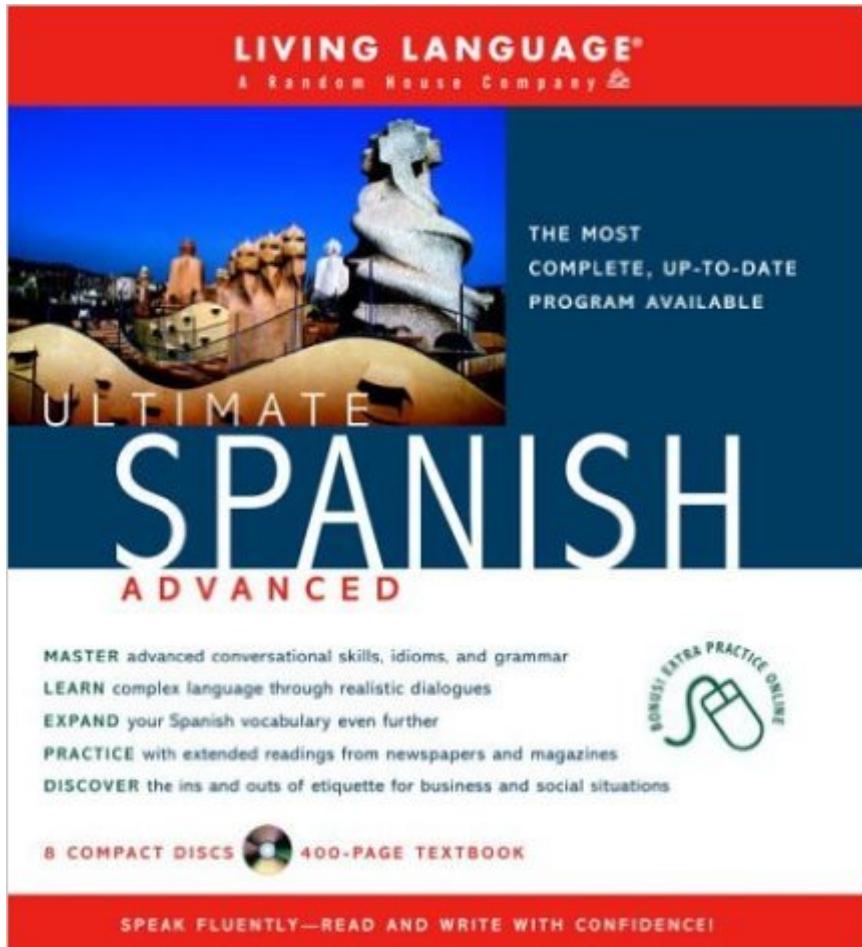


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I have completed this course as well as Ultimate French and Italian Advanced. Ultimate Spanish is by far the poorest of the three.Like all of these courses there is, in my opinion, a very major flaw. There is no transcript for the "Learn on the Go" tapes or CD's which comprise half of the audio material. The sentences spoken are often complex and are spoken at normal speed. No matter how many times I listened to some of them, I was unable to decipher them. I also found that for them to

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