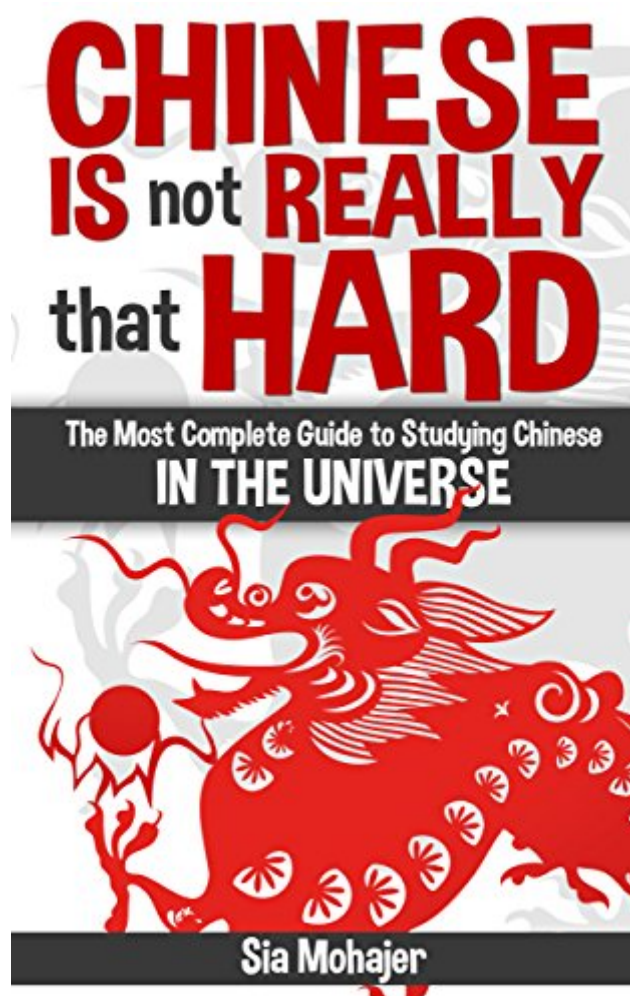


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Chinese Is Not Really That Hard: A Guide To Using Technology To Learn Chinese And Hack Your Language Learning



Synopsis

This is the best guide for learning Chinese on . PeriodWhen most of us think of learning Chinese we immediately think of the "incredible level of difficulty" involved in learning "the hardest language" in the world. The tones, the pronunciation, the grammar, all of it seems too complex for a native English speaker. Unfortunately, this just isn't true. Learning Chinese isn't impossible, you just need a method. So why do most people think it's so difficult? To say it as succinctly as possible, because they study wrong. As a native English speaker our brains are programmed differently than native Chinese learners and when we attempt to learn using traditional Chinese methods we create a surefire recipe for stagnation, frustration and worse - giving up. This book offers a course on non-traditional study methods, an effective guide to "hack" your Chinese learning. I can't say that everyone will agree with my method, but regardless of your opinion - it works. I've spent the last eight years studying Chinese, teaching others and working in Taiwan. Watching as my fellow language learners kept making the same mistakes and confronting the same problems, I created this guide to help them. "The Non-Traditional Approach to Chinese Hacking Includes: Why the traditional method never works Why writing everything by hand is ineffectual. How to create a virtual classroom to study anywhere. The one secret to learning faster Chinese or any language. The worst mistake you can possibly make. This book might just be the step you need to take on the world's hardest language or travel to one of the most amazing countries in the world."

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Customer Reviews

This short guide to learning Mandarin is an excellent summary of what it takes to learn the language. For myself, being a self-taught learner of Chinese for several years, I didn't discover any earth-shaking secrets in this book because I had stumbled across most of them on my own, but I can definitely say that if I had read this book at the beginning of my journey, I feel I would have made much more progress. Especially if you're just starting, or if you want some tips on the newer uses of technology to speed-up or help you in learning Chinese, this book is a definite asset to acquire

This book covers all the basics of learning Chinese and provides a ton of insights into how to avoid common mistakes. One of the biggest concepts in this book is wasting so much time writing by hand, as a Chinese myself I can say that writing characters is a huge investment of time and energy and in the end you usually forget most words. Instead focus on using technology to learn writing. Learning to type is more important than learning to write by hand.

This book has really motivated me to increase my Mandarin studies and the intensity of them. I have already used or tried several of the methods in the book, but the author also introduced a few new methods that I haven't thought of yet - or had used previously, but since forgotten about. Having spent some time in China and Taiwan myself (and also in Japan, studying Japanese), I know that everything Sia Mohajer mentions in this book really does work - and these are the methods that more or less are being used by language learners who acquire these languages the quickest. Buy this book first - before you spend money on expensive classes or programs and think about what you really want to get out of the language and why you want to learn it, and how you will build your "habit plan".

On the whole it seemed useful and it gave me a lot of great ideas so I am glad I read it. However, the author seems to be pushing ChinesePod, which, when I looked into seemed overly pricey, have

a very spammy site with pop up advertisings, and in general lost my trust. Looking further they seem to have poor customer service, etc. Given that, I have to wonder if maybe this was product placement. Still, the book gave me lots of good insights for learning Chinese :)

What I found most helpful from reading Sia's book is how practical it is. Like with any language, you're not going to learn it overnight but only through serious dedication can you reach a comfortable level. I like the different scenarios he gives regarding three different Chinese language learners and breaks down each one. He gives all types of small tips from his personal experience to good habits one should pick up to take advantage of getting better everyday. I started learning Chinese 6 months ago so this was especially helpful for me as building a foundation is key for learning new languages. I'd highly recommend this book to anyone who is seriously interested in learning Chinese. If you're not having fun learning Chinese, I personally think you'll never reach a certain level of fluency. It's a fascinating/fun challenging getting better everyday and this book reinforces that.

I am not learning Chinese. I am learning Japanese. This book was one of the best that I have read on learning a language. It was a short, yet in depth book on how to take your learning to the next level, and do so in a much quicker and more effective way. I can honestly say that I am very grateful that this book came into my life.

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