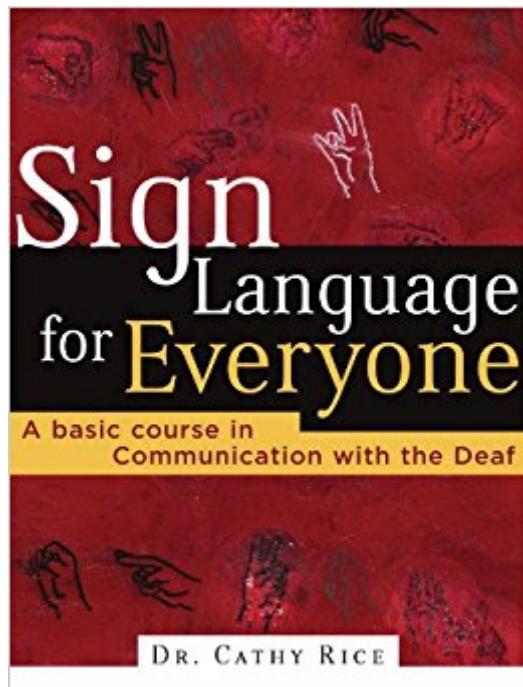


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# Sign Language For Everyone: A Basic Course In Communication With The Deaf



## Synopsis

"Listen with your eyes . . . Sign Language is a method of presenting thoughts via pictures made with one's hands." People are adaptable. This trait is particularly useful when one of the five senses is weakened and another becomes more acute to compensate for the weakness. So the deaf, when they hear, hear with their eyes. To communicate to the deaf, then, is to translate the speech of the hearing world into the pictures of the seeing world. "It is an amazing truth that Dr. Cathy Rice has had more influence on the ministry to the deaf, through her teaching of Sign Language and getting others to learn and teach it, than anyone else in the world. All around America, I have attended churches that have someone interpreting sermons for the deaf and teaching a class for the deaf. And in most cases, they learned the Sign Language at the Bill Rice Ranch and were taught by Dr. Cathy. I am so glad she has written this book. It is authoritative and important. God bless it." ?the late Dr. John R. Rice, Sword of the Lord Ministries, Murfreesboro, Tennessee In 1953, the late Bill Rice, along with his wife, Cathy, founded the Bill Rice Ranch in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, as a ministry to deaf individuals. Since then, the Ranch has been the headquarters for ministries reaching the deaf for Christ both in this country and abroad. The Ranch still maintains camp and conference grounds in Tennessee and in Arizona where deaf young people can attend one of several weeks of camp free of charge. Also, the sign language school that Dr. Rice began continues to train people through classes held at the Ranch each year. Well over eight hundred churches have established deaf ministries as a result of training received at the Ranch.

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## Customer Reviews

I am trying to teach myself sign language, and I have purchased many books on this subject. This book is one of the best I have used, and I would recommend it to anyone who is trying to learn sign language alone. The illustrations and the directions are easy to understand and to follow and perform. I especially like the Bible memory verses at the end of each lesson as well as the suggestions of songs and the sentences for practice. There are two videos that go with the book and they help a great deal, but the book can "stand alone" in successfully teaching the novice how to "sign". The videos give extra help in that they offer practice sessions for review. Cathy Rice gives clues for remembering some of the signs..and that is a great help for me. I can totally recommend this book (with or without the videos) to anyone who wants to learn sign language. I also use The Joy of Signing to great advantage. However, Sign Language for Everyone is more relaxing to work with.

Currently, I am leading a Signing class at my church. Using both the videos and book, has helped many who have never been exposed to Sign Language to learn it in a weeks time (depending on their commitment to learn.) Kathy Rice does a good job describing how to form the signs with helpful hints on remembering them. However, some of the signs are a little outdated, but they are still useful. I would recommend this course video and book to anyone who would like to begin learning Sign Language.

This is a very good book that is small enough not to overwhelm a beginner. Also, it is ASL-based with a great explanation of how deaf think (samples of letters written by Deaf individuals are included). Many signs are out-dated, but most of the important ones are the same. You will need another book (or a deaf friend) to explain the signs for the countries listed, as the ones in the book are not used anymore. There are short lessons followed by practice work such as sentences, songs, and a Bible verse. You might need the help of a deaf friend to check your abilities on this. This book is a religious book written by a woman who desired to share the Gospel with her deaf child. If you aren't looking for religious sign, don't buy it. It does include many basic conversational words. I sign and used this book to teach my hearing children. Very good book!!

I first learned sign language using this book. Excellent book for those beginning to learn sign language. The explanations are simple to understand. The graphics are usually clear, so the student will do the sign correctly. Our church switched to a different text about three years ago because of the lack of vocabulary. Since we use the book for three semesters of teaching, we

needed a book that would contain three semester's worth of vocabulary. I think that this book is an excellent book for younger people learning sign language. The Campus Church, Pensacola Christian College

I like this book and have learned many things from it. It does have a Christian viewpoint and that's mentioned throughout the book, so if that is something that would bother you you'd probably be better off with something else.

Dr. Cathy Rice is very good at teaching all of the signs needed to communicate and witness to others about Christ. It's very clear and easy to understand and she's quite humorous. My two teenage boys have learned all of the signs in the book.

I just got the book and am studying it with earnestness. It's a great book and easy to follow. I bought a used copy and it came with some great notes from the previous owner. The book is written by a Christian camp counselor and contains many Christian references which will be very helpful. It's a really good book to start your studies with sign language.

I've owned this book before, but some of my friends borrowed it and forgot to bring it back . If you are interested in sign language for a Church type setting, this is a very good book to have for reference and study.

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