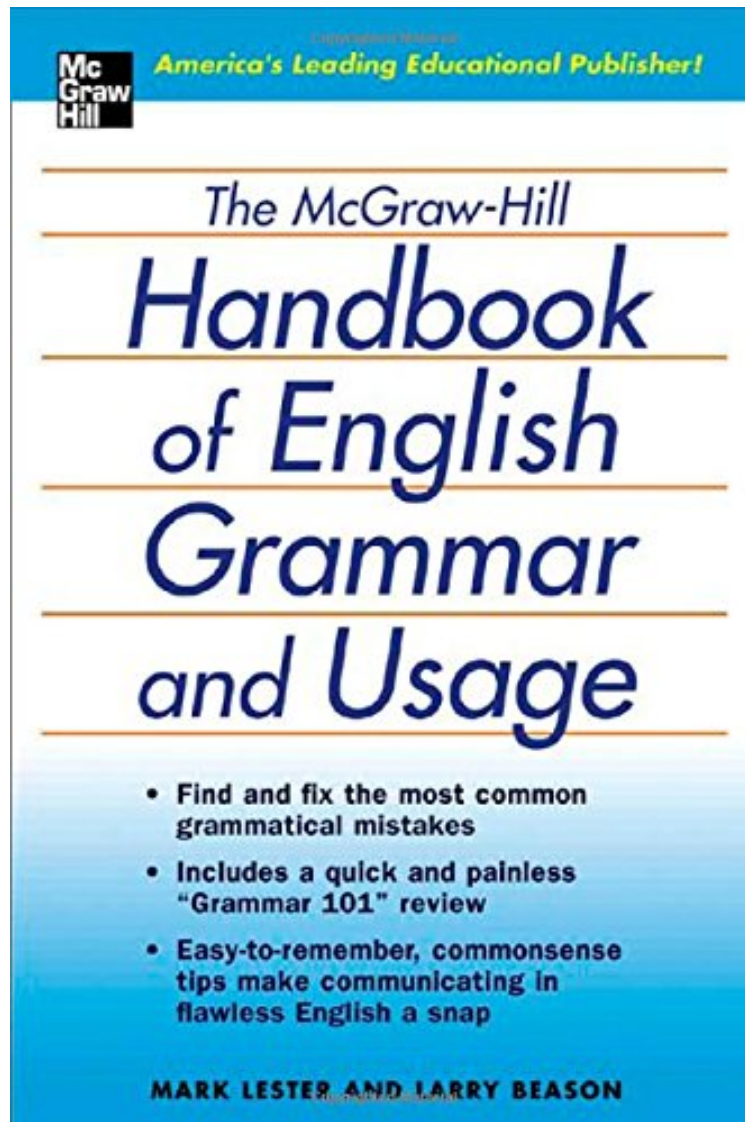


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99 of 102 people found the following review helpful. Exactly what I was looking forBy J. A. SperlingAs someone who managed to avoid learning anything in 12 years of English classes ("I already speak it, why do I need to waste my time in these classes"), I'd been bitten in the butt by my inability to clearly and concisely express myself. This was

particularly embarrassing and troublesome at work when sending emails to superiors or presenting projects to a group. I needed to learn how to properly write a sentence, and to do this, I needed to learn grammar. My search for the perfect grammar book was tough. Most were meant for readers who already had a moderate understanding of grammar. The rest seemed to be meant for ESL students. NONE seemed to offer what I needed: A foundational review of the basic concepts of grammar, and instructions on how to use these concepts to create clear and concise writings. Finally I found this book, and it was exactly what I needed. I now have a more in-depth understanding of grammar than most of my coworkers, and though my writing may not be quite as good as theirs, it has improved and continues to do so. As a final note, I should mention that this book helped me only because I was very motivated to improve my writing. I have read each chapter multiple times, and practiced what I read by parsing sentences in the newspaper. And though my writing is much improved, I still spend quite a bit of time reviewing everything I write, making sure it follows the rules this book has taught me; however, with continued practice I expect that proper writing will eventually come with ease.

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By Yvonne CAs a teacher of the English language, I have been searching for a handbook worthy of recommendation to my students. I think I've found it. This book covers all the basics of the English language in an easy-to-understand manner, giving explanations for each: There are X's by the examples that are incorrect, thus preventing the possibility of misunderstandings. A look at the table of contents reveals the extensiveness of this book, which reaches considerably beyond the basics: What you don't see there, and may not realize by reading the sample pages, is the clarity of expression, which makes this book a definite winner. A hallmark of a good teacher is the ability to explain a concept in a way that his/her students can grasp it: This book is the next best thing to spending one-on-one time with a GOOD teacher.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The book I didn't think I needed!
By Dan2345First of, this book is for American English. I was looking for a grammar book for someone else, and thought I'd give it a read. I thought maybe I'll get a thing or two out of it. Boy, was I wrong! I learned something in basically every single chapter of the book. Even the simple explanations about Grammar 101 in the beginning were helpful. E.g. I never quite understood what an adverb is. I know, this is very fundamental stuff, but for some reason, I never quite understood it and never really cared to learn it. The book has a Grammar 101 section which goes over the basics of the English language. Some of those sections can get quite tedious, but I think it is worth while to go through them to better understand the Usage chapters. The Usage chapters go over some very common grammatical errors like subject-verb agreement errors, which a lot of non-native English speakers make. But it also goes over how to use commas, semicolons, colons, quotation marks and lots of other very interesting tid-bits. Comma usage, for example, has always been a complete mystery to me, but now I know a lot more about it. I'm sure I still make tons of comma placement errors, probably many in this very review, but at least I have some understanding about it now. I will re-read that particular chapter many times in the future. One surprising fact about the book is, that it is not boring at all, at least for me. I couldn't put the book down because it was so interesting. Maybe that's just me, but I did not expect a grammar book to be interesting at all. Bottom line, I think anybody who wants to improve their English, non-native or native speaker (I'm a non-native speaker), should read this book. I'll guarantee you, that you will learn a thing or two, but most likely a lot more.

Those pesky dangling modifiers, split infinitives, and comma splices they infect our spoken and written language with such frequency that even native English speakers find it difficult to determine what's right and what's wrong! The McGraw-Hill Handbook of English Grammar and Usage shows you how to fix these everyday English language mistakes. With commonsense, easy-to-remember usage tips throughout, this handbook features incorrect and correct grammatical examples, a short review of basic grammar, a glossary, and more.

From the Back Cover Who or Whom? Its or It's? Lie or Lay? Confused over which to use? Can't remember those grueling grammar lessons from junior high? Worried that your writing lacks professional polish? Stop worrying! You've just picked up the painless prescription for proper English. Acclaimed grammarians Mark Lester and Larry Beason know that English teachers aren't the only ones who expect careful and correct language choices. Precision in language can be the deciding factor when it comes to getting jobs and winning promotions. In The McGraw-Hill Handbook of English Grammar and Usage, they won't bog you down in musty grammarian phraseology. Instead, you'll get bottom-line definitions, hints, and simple rules that summarize the least you need to know about grammar and usage. With their entertaining style and practical approach, the authors guide you through: Understanding common mistakes and why they happen Hundreds of correct and incorrect sentence examples, with errors clearly marked Quick tips for fixing your most stubborn grammatical mishaps Catchy memory aids for writing correctly the first time PLUS: A handy glossary Whether your skills need drastic improvement or a quick brush-up, this book will get your grammar back on the right track.

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