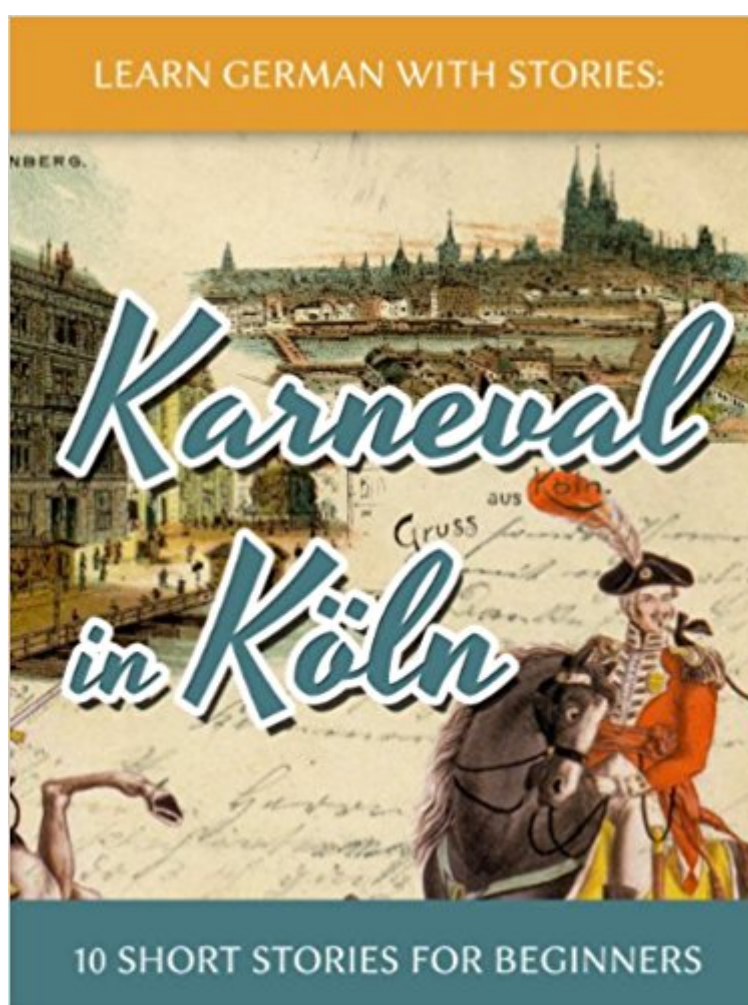


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Synopsis

In this follow-up to *œFerien in Frankfurt*, Dino finds himself in Cologne, the carnival capital of Germany and home of the Cologne Cathedral. Struggling with tacky accommodations and an empty wallet, he stumbles over a gig which promises to be a walk down easy street. But before he knows it, the carnival begins and he's faced with an onslaught of bewildering customs, an inebriated four-legged friend and sudden downpours of candy. Explore Cologne's colorful carnival tradition, learn about local sights and sounds, and improve your German effortlessly along the way! This book is designed to help beginners make the leap from studying isolated words and phrases to reading (and enjoying) naturally flowing German texts. Using simplified sentence structures and a very basic vocabulary, this collection of short stories is carefully crafted to allow even novice learners to appreciate and understand the intricacies of coherent German speech. Each chapter comes with a complete German-English dictionary, with a special emphasis on collocative phrases (high frequency word combinations), short sentences and expressions. By working with these *œbuilding blocks* instead of just single words, learners can accelerate their understanding and active usage of new material and make the learning process more fluid and fun.

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Customer Reviews

I started out only intending to just buy this book in the series because I have been to Cologne, so there was a personal connection. But after reading it, I have decided to definitely go back and buy the others in the series. The best way I can describe what it is like to read this book is to say it employs a technique of "effortless learning". The author is very good at constructing sentences that provide the context necessary to allow the reader to deduce the meaning of what may be the only word (or figurative saying) in a sentence that a learner does not know. So a reader gets a high level of positive reinforcement from the pleasant surprise of successfully understanding the story. The learning experience is further reinforced by a glossary and a ten question quiz at the end of each chapter. These books definitely fill a niche. As a beginning German speaker/reader, I find it difficult to find material to read that provides meaningful information, is not too technical to grasp, AND can be counted on to provide proper grammar and sentence construction. Newspaper articles from reputable German sources can be a little too far above my reading comprehension so as to cause frustration when reading. German internet blogs, message boards, etc., may have a wealth of text, but no guarantee as to healthy grammar or proper usage. That only option that leaves an adult learner like me is children's stories. Which is kind of what this is: children's stories for adults- what a great idea! This book isn't for start-from-total-scratch rank beginners, but anyone with 6 months of honest self-study, or perhaps a year of high school German, should be able to enjoyably read through it. Solid intermediate learners or above will probably find the book too simple. But for my level of comprehension, this is exactly what I need. Five Stars!

All three of the books in this series, *Karneval in Köln*, *Ferien in Frankfurt*, and *Café in Berlin*, have 10 short stories each, told in first person by Dino, a young Sicilian living in Germany and struggling to improve his German in order to find work there. Each of the stories is packed with vocabulary and idiomatic expressions, but presented in an easy and conversational style that allows the reader with just a little German to work out almost everything from context. The stories are entertaining in themselves—light-hearted and amusing. The vocabulary at the end is there for the sticky bits, and almost everything but the most basic vocabulary is included. You won't need your dictionary. If you have just a little German, you'll enjoy these. Each story can be read in just a

few minutes. Perfect for the morning commute. I would encourage anyone learning or brushing up to read the story first, then review the entire vocabulary at the end to solidify and clarify your new words and phrases. Once you have read any of these, you'll want to continue with the other two.

I found these books very helpful in my old age quest to continue to learn German. Since my memory is not so good in my dotage, any help I can get towards this effort and find it beneficial is rewarding. Each chapter is 2-3 pages long and contains the translations of words and phrases, in bold on the chapter pages. I liked the novel format, the story line is appropriate to travel, food and lodgings. I bought all three, Berlin, Frankfurt and Koln.

This is a book for learning German, no more, no less. Excellent beginner tutorials for German. The whole series is great. Two are available as audiobooks so you can work on your pronunciation, but these books are geared toward vocabulary and a little grammar.

What lovely, charming books these are. Not too easy, not too hard, they provide a distinct thrill when you're able to read a paragraph at a time without looking in the dictionary for help. Just perfect for the beginner German student, or any lover of languages.

Gotta Love Dino and his attempts at learning German. I re-read these books until I get every word by heart, awesome series.

Great stories for learning German. I have a few of these books and have been able to re-read these stories several times. You should have a good understanding of basic German grammar before starting these so that you don't have to spend as much time flipping back and forth between the mini-dictionaries in each chapter. Only complaint I have is every so often there is a word I don't know or is used in a way I haven't seen before, but I use the kindle app so it doesn't take long to go over to the translate app and get a better definition.

To those of us who are learning German the "unacademic" way, just for fun, without trying to learn parts of speech and so forth, this is enjoyable practice. This is not for pure beginners, but once one knows a little German, this is fun to read. Well done.

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