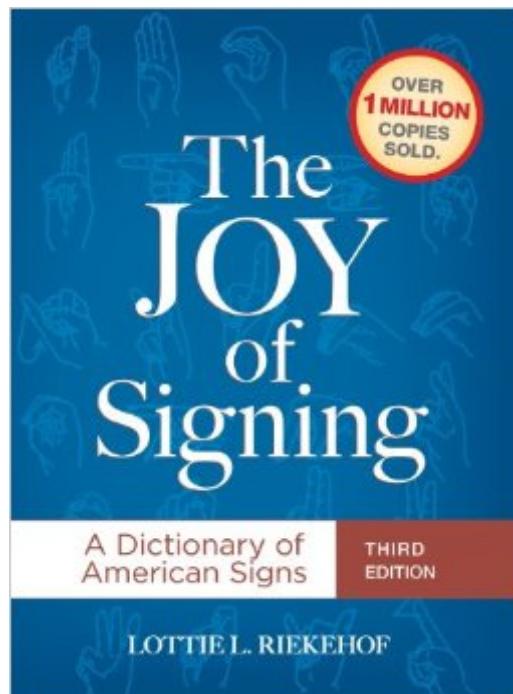


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# The Joy Of Signing: A Dictionary Of American Signs, 3rd Edition



## **Synopsis**

The Joy of Signing is one of the most comprehensive guides available for mastering the current basic signs used to communicate with deaf people in either the word order of the English language or in the American Sign Language pattern. This updated third edition provides the basic vocabulary needed for persons entering interpreter training programs. Over 1,500 signs are clearly illustrated and are grouped by chapter into their natural categories. Families as well as professionals will appreciate this manual's conceptually based vocabulary. It includes sections on the history of sign language and fingerspelling, the art of signing, language patterns of signs, and an illustrated guide for fingerspelling.

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I really like the content of this book. Somewhere I have a copy of an earlier edition (from the '70s/'80s). I was excited to see that it was available in the Kindle edition. However, they were very LAZY about creating the edition. They included 2 pages face up, would wouldn't be too bad on my 30" computer monitor. However, this kindle version isn't available to download on PCs. That leaves my 5" Android smart phone. 2 pages is just laughable. You can see that something is there, but no details. Supposedly, you can tap & expand the picture, but that's only for one of the book's physical pages. Then there's my 7" Kindle Fire. Even there, the screen size is too small to see the drawings clearly, which is why I bought it. To make matters worse, the dictionary isn't even searchable! Isn't that one reason why we buy electronic books? Since the signs are grouped by topic (a good choice), you have to go to the index to find the word you want, then try to guess which page you might find it on by the Kindle "Location #" (out of 182, when there are 340 pages). To take an

example, let's say I want to know the sign for Permit. I got to the index in the back and scroll to find the right word in the index (location 180). Then, I need to go to page 128. There are links to the correct page, but with the size of the words in the index, can I really get the word I want? (Answer: Sometimes yes, other times no.) If the link doesn't work, then I need to use a scroll bar to get to Location 66. (There's no Go To option to type in the location.) All in all, the Kindle version is HORRIBLE!

This is the BEST American Sign Language book there is. It is great for beginners because there are diagrams showing how to do the sign as well as the origin of the sign, which helps you to remember it. The sections are categorized well and the book is a great reference for reviews.

This was a repeat of a book bought many years ago for my daughter who had an interest in signing. I gave the original back to her for HER daughter who now shows an interest. This copy is for my classroom. An easy to follow guide for all ages.

The print version of this book has always been my favorite sign language quick reference book, and I would give it 5 stars. However the format used for the Kindle version is difficult to use. It can only be read in side-by-side page format with the Kindle held horizontally. This makes it VERY difficult to see - both text and diagrams - and (for me) not usable. The \$1.99 price is great, but sadly, I will be returning it. Hopefully there will be a revised edition.

It met all my needs. I have wanted this book for over 40 years. I had Miss Riekehof as a teacher in college and used her first book which I loaned to my sister and never had a chance to replace. Now I have the new book. For someone that wants to learn how to sign to a neighbor or friend this is the way to go. I would highly recommend it and even if it's just to know this book with its pictures will help you achieve that goal.

I used this book in my ASL I and II class. Compared to other books, this one breaks down the movements and background of the signs in an easy-to-follow way not found in other books. Wide range of words as well.

The Joy of Signing: The New Illustrated Guide for Mastering Sign Language and the Manual Alphabet is an essential guide to learning the basics of sign language. This book was bought for my

young daughter as she showed an interest in being able to at least know a few basics if she encountered some one who could not hear. She has used this book countless times and even gave a small demo on the signs used for various animals to a group of her peers. This is a must have when learning and a great reference point when you need it.

I ordered two from different locations. the first one was an original with reinforced pages like the first copy I used to own years ago when books were made of a better quality. Although the cover was fine, the pages on this one were grainy and recycled. It looks as though they would melt if water or moisture got on them at all.

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