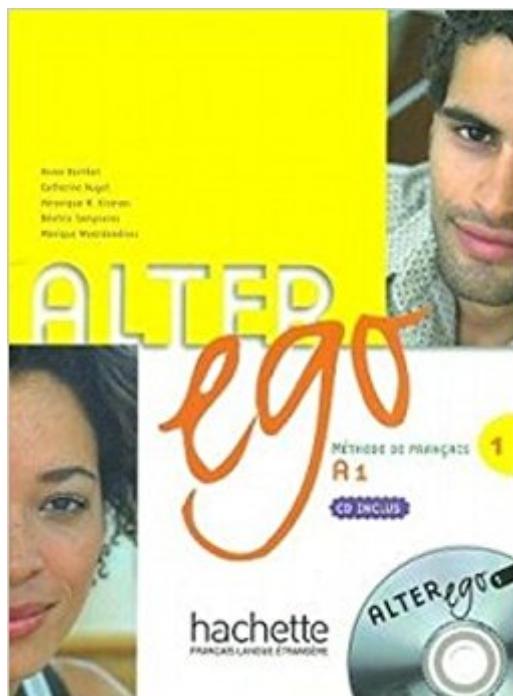


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## **Customer Reviews**

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a little confusing

This is a good text book for French classes. Don't use without an instructor. It is important to follow as part of a curriculum.

Text is in fairly good condition. Met expectations. However enclosed CD was damaged and of no use

So far into the book, everything is perfect! progressive grammar yet modern, real dialogues. The multilingual vocab in the back of the book is a tremendous asset!

I am teaching french to american adults and this book is wonderful. It is the best I found and everything is clear. It is really good if you need to be in the context and be able to speak useful

french quick!! love it!Merci.

Minors marks as listed, but it wasn't in perfect condition. The cover of the book was broken. Anyway by the price I think was a ok purchase. The delivery was slow.

Having read a number of the reviews in relation to the Alter Ego material, I felt compelled to point out a couple of things that I feel are unfairly biasing the merit of the system, its books and the overall ratings they are receiving (which I find to be absurdly low). This is not necessarily a review of Alter Ego 1 (which is a 5-star book on its own accord) but of the Alter Ego system in general (books 1-5). First, you need to understand the following - these books are primarily designed and used by the Alliance Française; they are the "textbooks" for the school, if you will. Period. They are NOT intended for self-study; if that is what you are looking for, then simply DO NOT buy these books as they are not ideal for that purpose (the "Practice Makes Perfect" series are a much better choice in that regard). You need to be taking the corresponding classes with the school in order for the material to make concrete, logical sense. As a student with the school (and I have no additional affiliation with them, nor the publisher of the Alter Ego series) I think that the material, the system and the structure is phenomenal. I have taken courses in North America and Europe with the school; the books & lesson plans are designed to allow you to transition to any Alliance Française, anywhere in the world, and to continue taking French lessons with minimal interruption. Most recently I met a number of students in Europe who came from all over the world - Brazil, Mexico, Holland, England, Canada, the US, Bulgaria, Spain, Syria and Italy. They had all been taking lessons in the Alliance's respective "branches" at home and were all able to transition to another part of the world without being affected in terms of their learning progress. The material is designed to help you improve all of your linguistic abilities - comprehension (both oral and written), grammatical structure, spoken communication, reading, written expression, etc. It is designed to help you get certification in things like DELF (Diplôme d'études en langue française = Diploma in French language studies) if you choose to complete their examinations (a certain DELF level is required if you would like to study in a European university, or if you would like to work in the European Union, for example). However, you need to be taking the corresponding classes (which are all taught in French - the objective is complete emersion during your class as that is the most effective way to "pick up" a language) - all of the exercises are explained by the professor, and the material is covered and taken up as a group. The answers are not provided in the textbook; they are provided in the teacher's guide (Guide Pédagogique),

which you can also purchase. There are tons of exercises to practice the concepts you learn during class (with more than adequate space) - they are all available, and organized (quite logically), in the Cahier D'ActivitÃ©s (Exercise book). Basically, you have 3 components; the textbook where you learn the concepts in class (Alter Ego, books 1-5), the exercise book where you practice the concepts at home (Cahier D'ActivitÃ©s, books 1-5) and the teacher's guide where you can retrieve the answers (Guide PÃ©dagogique, books 1-5). To reiterate, these are not self-study books (anyone that tells you that this is the case is, quite frankly, clueless). Does it help if you have studied French previously? It does. Is it necessary? Definitely not. I studied French on my own for 3 years and felt so frustrated with the process and resulting confusion that I took lessons as a RESULT of self-study. You are going to feel over-whelmed any time you are an adult learning a new language (embrace this process, learning something new pushes your boundaries and facilitates growth) - it is inevitable; there are concepts you won't grasp, language that makes no sense to you (be it structurally, grammatically, phonetically, etc.) and people will ask you questions you don't understand. If this wasn't the case, you would already speak French fluently and the classes would be a waste of time. The books are great, but they need to be taken with the corresponding courses. The material is enjoyable; it encourages discussion, it provokes thought and forces you to use the language in the most organic way possible. The results, for me at least, have been fantastic - in less than 1 year of study I have far exceeded what I was able to achieve in 3 years of self-study.

The delivery is not that fast to receive in Switzerland. But the quality of Book is really good. It is a good text book for beginner.

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