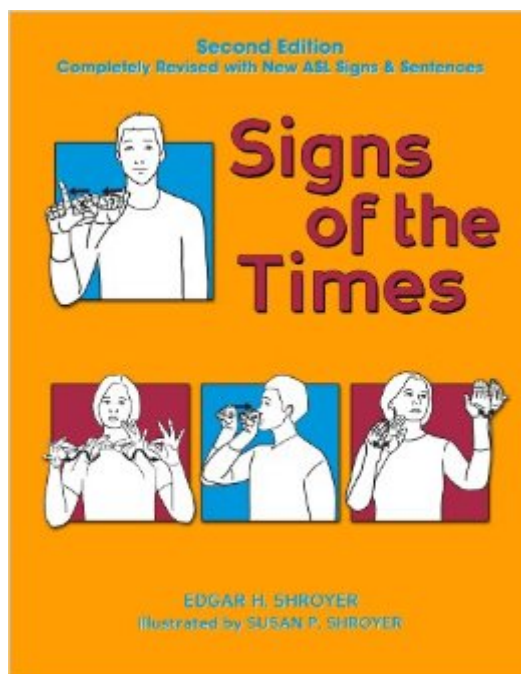


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# Signs Of The Times



## Synopsis

Completely Revised with New Signs and Lessons; Each Sign Illustration Features Sentences in English and ASL Order; New Class Activities and New Student Activities for Homework or Quizzes; New Facts about American Sign Language Grammar and Deaf Culture

Now, the bestselling American Sign Language textbook *Signs of the Times* has been completely revised and updated. The new, second edition is an excellent beginner's American Sign Language textbook designed for use in the classroom or at home. Organized into 44 lessons, it presents more than 1,300 signs representing 3,500 English glosses. Each lesson contains clear illustrations of all signs, English equivalent words and synonyms, sample sentences to define vocabulary context, and practice sentences to display and reinforce ASL usage. *Signs of the Times* is a complete text that includes new class activities for teachers, plus new student activities that can be done in class, as homework, or as quizzes. The new edition features the Contextual Sign/Word Appendix, which displays groups of sentences using the same English word to show different meanings along with the corresponding ASL signs. It also provides an expanded index, vocabulary lists, and a reading reference list. The new edition offers facts on ASL grammar and Deaf culture and includes mind ticklers that enliven the lessons with hints, tips, and mnemonic devices. The new *Signs of the Times* expands the features that made it a standard, easy-to-use ASL textbook. Signs are repeated in sentences throughout the book to provide excellent practice for the students. The clear, easy-to-understand sign illustrations facilitates the learning process, enhancing students' success while also making ASL fun.

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A very good book for reference for finding the best sign to use in a given situation as multiple signs are given for one English word. The book is ideal for students of Pidgen Sign English (aka PSE, CASE, or Siglish) and/or Manual Coded English (aka MCE or Sign English). The only limitation of this book is that it does NOT offer any explanation of American Sign Language (aka ASL) grammar or syntax. Very good sentences to practice, hints to remember, and multiple glosses (i.e. labels) for one sign.

I have been taking ASL for the past year, and this is by far one of the best books I have seen. It shows the difference between signs for ASL, Signed English, etc. I have checked this book out of our local library three times, and now have decided to buy it for myself. It includes many signs for words that have multiple meanings, and explains the difference for each. I highly recommend this book.

I took sign language courses in college, and this was the textbook that we used. It is an excellent reference manual which provides a multitude of signs applicable to everyday life. The author begins by explaining that his book features signs most consistent with Manually Coded English (MCE), letting the readers know that Pidgen Sign English (PSE) and American Sign Language (ASL) may differ somewhat in signs and syntax. He then provides a thorough review of how to interpret the illustrations which are used to portray each sign in the book. The black and white human figure line drawings which illustrate the signs are clear, simple, and easy to replicate. The book is well-organized, as each chapter offers signs related to a single concept or idea (eg, family). Also, the book begins with the most commonly used signs and gradually progresses to signs which allow the expression of more complex situations and ideas. At the end of each chapter, there is a list of sentences for practicing the new vocabulary words learned. When I was taking sign language classes, I found this to be an excellent teaching tool, and now that I am trying to teach signs to my nieces, I find it to be a wonderful resource.

i bought this book because i had found it very helpful when i borrowed it from my college library. i am in my 3rd semester of ASL and am always on the look out for additional supplemental

resources. the book is updated, current and well organized as opposed to other references available. i appreciated the activities, practice sentences, and clear explanations when words were spelled the same, but had different definitions. the glossary in the back was great. my only disappointment was in the paperback only option: as a reference that would be used frequently, i would have appreciated a hard cover or similar option as well.

Showed up promptly, in new condition. A required book for my CASE class. I'm really bad at sign and sometimes the 2D drawing of 3D motions confuses me, but works well with class and an instructor. If you plan on studying alone, maybe check out other books in person before committing.

Book came perfectly packaged and brand new in shrink wrap. Love this book. The signs could be a little bit clearer or have some explanations, but it does give each new sign with an example of a sentence in ASL to go with it, so that's good. No real in depth explanation of ASL grammar beyond what is very quickly stated in the introduction, so probably will need a supplementary text to help if you want to learn the grammar to go with ASL.

A wonderful text for beginning signers. I use it in all the introductory classes I teach. I was taught formal signing from Dr. Shroyer and this is a wonderful representation of what he taught all of us students in class. I will continue to use it as I teach sign language.

This book is the best resource I've found. I recommend it if you are learning ASL. Illustrations and memory aids are spot on.

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