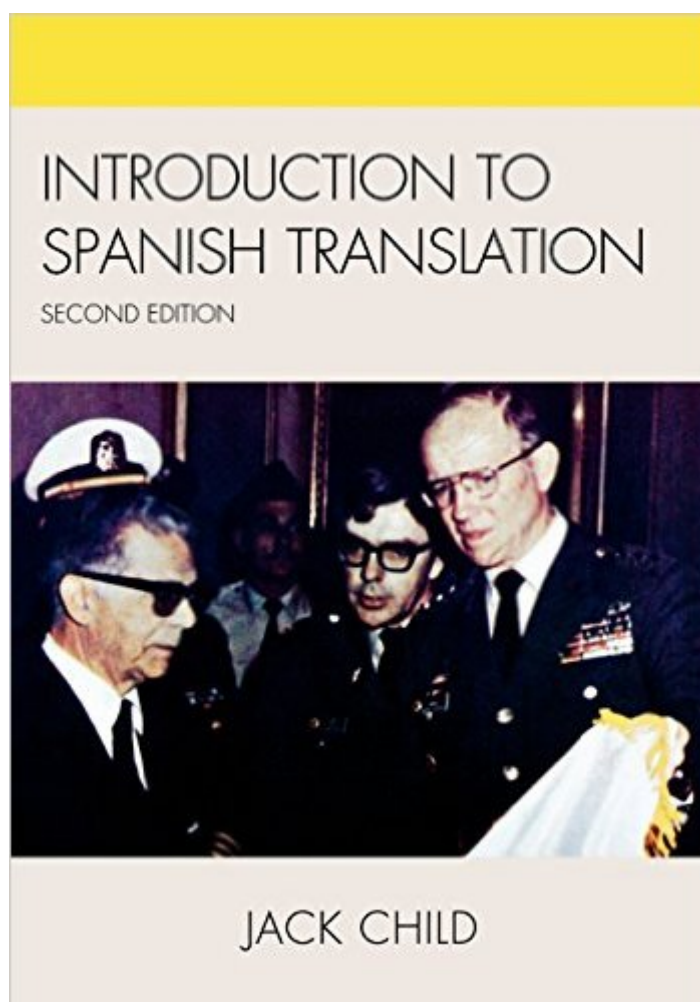


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# Introduction To Spanish Translation



## Synopsis

Introduction to Spanish Translation is designed for a third or fourth year college Spanish course. It presents the history, theory and practice of Spanish-to-English translation (with some consideration of English-to-Spanish translation). The very successful first edition of the text evolved from the author's experiences in two decades of teaching translation in the Department of Language and Foreign Studies of The American University. The emphasis is on general material to be found in current journals and newspapers, although there is also some specialized material from the fields of business, the social sciences, and literature. The twenty-four lessons in the text form the basis for a fourteen-week semester course. This newly revised edition contains an index, a glossary, examples of cognates and partial cognates, and translation exercises for each lesson.

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Child's text is well conceived and clearly written. It is designed for third or fourth year college students. He comes to the subject as both experienced teacher and practicing translator. Each of

the twenty-four lessons is brief and divided into six sections: history of translation, introduction to translation theory, practical problems and translation techniques, cognates, and, finally, proverbs and idioms. What this book does not have are exercises for practice. The book reads well and Childs is generally quite insightful, but other more recent introductions to Spanish/English offer more opportunities for practice.

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