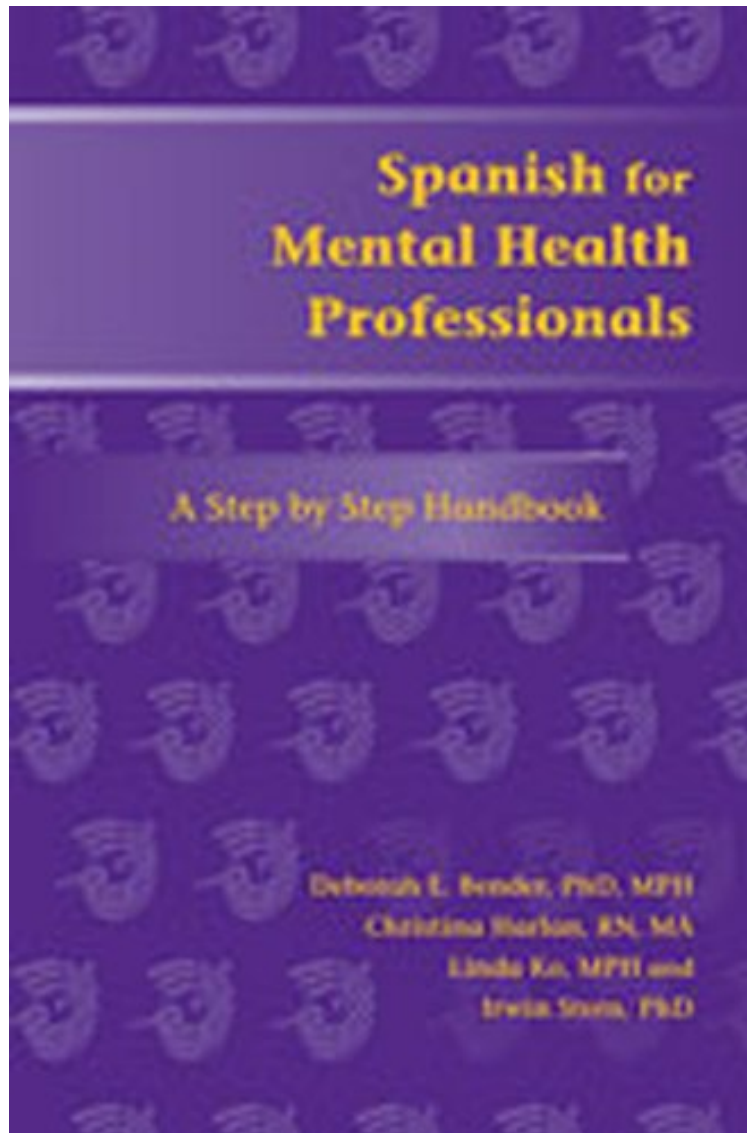


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Unless you were in AP classes in high school and/or college, this book is not for you. As a native speaker and Spanish teacher (now teaching adults), I researched and came upon this book, which I thought would help me in designing a curriculum for beginner mental health professionals. It served no purpose. It was filled with dialogue; but unless you have a strong command of the Spanish grammar, it will not help. I guess what gets to me more than anything is you cannot "see" inside the book and get an idea of the table of contents. Also, NO WHERE in the book does it say YOU MUST HAVE a strong background of Spanish to be able to decipher the mumbo jumbo.

This book is similar in design to other books in the Paso a Paso Series for Health Care Professionals. This package is specifically for mental health workers attempting to break through language and cultural barriers between English- and Spanish- speaking participants. The suggested application is a small group setting in the workplace in which a fluent Spanish speaker serves as a facilitator at one-hour sessions held once a week. The learner is expected to work daily on exercises and practice listening and responding to the accompanying audio files. The premise is that the beginning learner will not be alone in a situation where a conversation is beyond their ability but will be part of a team and will acquire greater competency through active, on-the-job speaking and listening. All too often non-English-speaking newcomers are isolated, separated from the family support systems they once enjoyed in their native countries. They are overwhelmed and don't realize assistance is available to address the depression, anger, and frustration they are feeling. This handbook will help mental health and social workers reach across language barriers to help their clients.

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