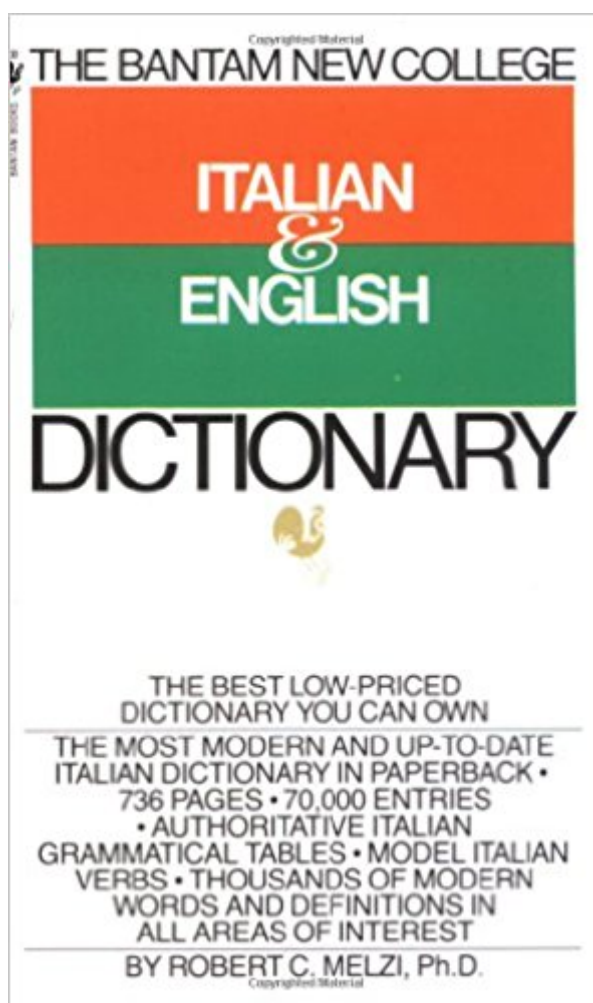


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By now I speak Italian well enough to be called, by Italians, fluent, and in fact I've given a few lectures in Italian. I say that only to suggest that I've been around the block with Italian/English dictionaries and far and away this one has served me best. Only very rarely does it fail me and not have a necessary word or idiom, but otherwise this packed pocketbook is almost mystic in its sense of what American students of Italian need. First-rate: you need to spend a hundred bucks to do better, and how often do you want to lug down, or out, a book that size

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The best paperback Italian-English Dictionary I've seen. Actually can compete with several of the high-cost hardbounds. A great buy for the money.

From the publication particulars, I can see that this dictionary came out just as I was making my first trip to Italy. I must have bought it that time. Anyway I've had it long enough so that the first 24 pages (also the last few) have long since fallen off, worn away by repeated and stuffing and unstuffing into (out of) a travel pack. It has always been, and remains, indispensable: the Swiss Army Knife of Italian dictionaries. Or better, perhaps, like the TI BA-II calculator: same old boring format and framework, same dependable performance. Indeed, I bought another pocket Italian dictionary a couple of years back (why?). It's probably perfectly fine, but somehow I keep coming back to this packworn original, while the new one reposes silently on the shelf. I would like to, but cannot honestly, say that I am fluent in Italian: most of the time, when I try to speak it in a shop, they just answer in English and save everyone the trouble. But I can dope my way through the newspapers and a simple novel or two. And for this--here's a five-star salute to my companion of 20-plus years.

This bilingual dictionary's two greatest virtues are its compact yet readable format and its affordable price. This meets my limited needs, as someone who comes across the occasional Italian word in passing. Most high school language students will also find that it has all the vocabulary they need. This isn't a scholar's reference, though. Translated definitions tend towards the terse, so they won't cover all usages of a term. And, to keep cost down, it's printed on pulp stock, so it won't last forever even if handled gently. It offers plenty if you don't need much, and that's good enough for me right now.//wiredweird

Great paperback dictionary for American English speakers who are studying Italian and as a quick reference for those who want to check something. Not only is the Italian to English section comprehensive in providing multiple forms of words that vary by gender or number, it adds value by including idiomatic expressions that employ the word. The front sections on Italian spelling and pronunciation, grammatical tables, table of regular endings of Italian verbs, and model verbs with six tenses are wonderful references "at a glance."

Seems like a good dictionary. The product is old and says published in 1976 even though the description said 1984 (which is still old) The only reason I bought it was because it was the brand

recommended by my Italian teacher and I could not find a newer edition. Not sure I would have bought it if the description said 1976. That is a long time ago. The product does look like almost new even though it has been sitting on a shelf for thirty- forty years. I already have the large Barron's version so was looking for something smaller that I could carry to class.

The size of this is great w/ helpful grammatical tables of the definite articles, pronouns and adjectives as well as useful verb tables and model verbs not found in my textbook which made a huge difference doing my homework. I did purchase a second dictionary that was heavier and seems to have more obscure words in it but this has still been a great buy for me. I haven't taken it out for a trial run in Italy yet but would definitely bring it along as I'm sure it will be more travel friendly than the other dictionary I bought which is heavier and thicker.

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