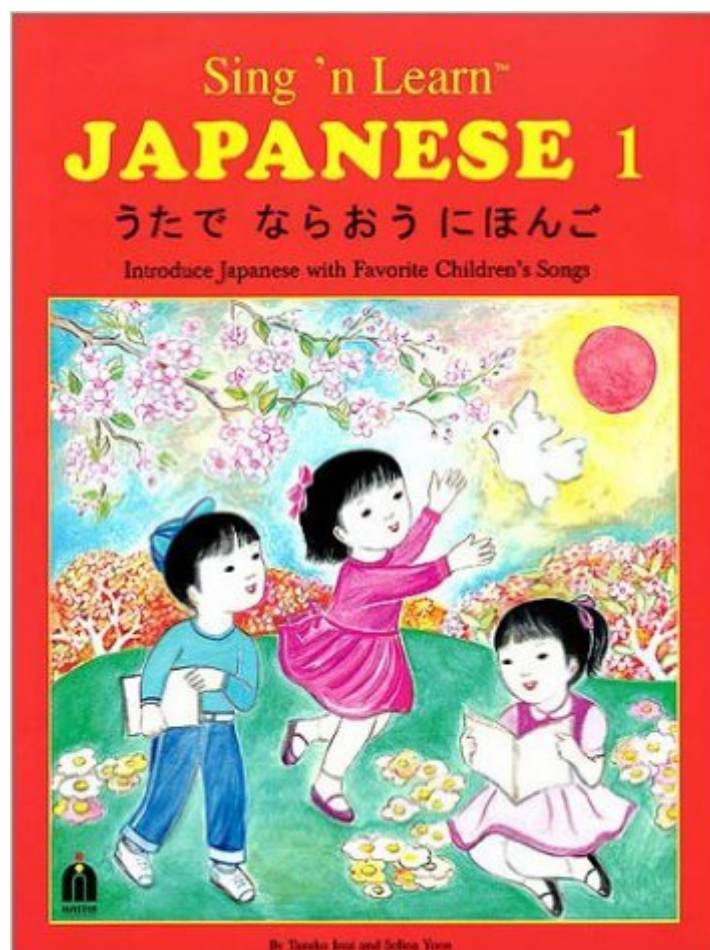


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The reviewer/buyer with negative comments drew my attention. It stated that the singing generated

migraine. I had wanted to buy the book to enlarge my vocab, having studied Pimsleur level 1-3, with only 5 lessons left. The other reviewers raved about it, but more or less from young kids' point of view. Having benefited from songs in my experience of learning foreign languages, I weighed carefully in my head the advantages and disadvantages. There were only a handful of reviews to begin with. Based on the review comments and the books' own details stating that there is English translation, romaji (phonetics) and the kanas, I decided to buy it. It did not disappoint me. The music and the singing can be categorized as plain, at the first play of the CD. I see why that reviewer did not like it. However, as I began my learning process with this book, the songs' charm gradually revealed itself. This was, of course, after I learned the most well known two pieces, Twinkle Twinkle little star, and, He and she shoulders and knees. I did not strictly follow the order of the songs presented in the book. Rather, I picked those that I thought would generate the greatest reward: Getting the lyrics down pat. I chose songs with multiple verses (Let's clap hands; One chopsticks, two chopsticks) to begin with. The strategy worked. Before I mastered these songs, I did not know words such as, glasses, moustache, little birds. Nor verbs such as, became, let's clap, let's stomp, let's laugh, let's get angry, let's cry. Sure, the melodies in these songs did not sound as dramatic as the two well known ones originally set in English, at the first glance. Moreover, the spartan accompaniment did not add a whole lot of drama to it.

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