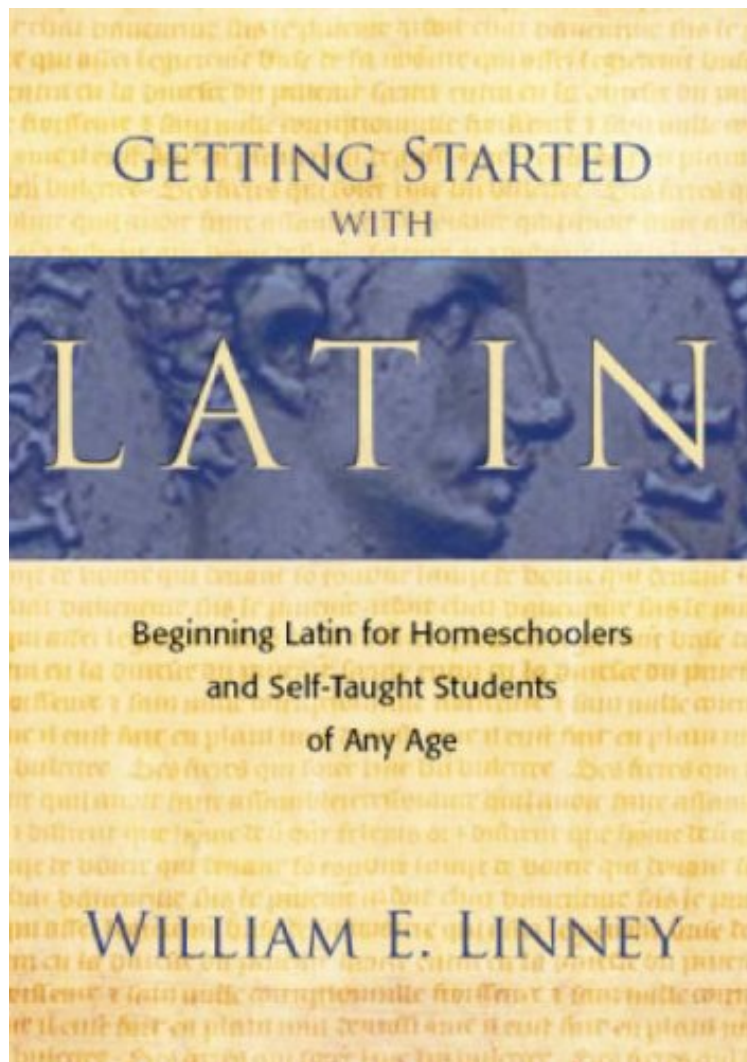


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85 of 87 people found the following review helpful. Great, but Limited, Resource for Latin Learners By JeffBad news

first:As others have stated this book can be finished quickly--not in half an hour as one reviewer put it, but a week is enough time for a serious adult student to master the material in this course. At the end of the book you will have encountered basic declensions, a smattering of verbs and around 100 words. This approximates the amount of material covered by the first 40 pages of Wheelock's Latin. After completing this book, students continuing their study of Latin will need to use another introductory text. Now for the good news: This is the best format for learning Latin I've seen! Each lesson clearly introduces one word or grammatical concept in two paragraphs or less, followed by ten example sentences that cover the lesson topic and review past lessons. Best of all, the sentences include only vocabulary covered in the book! This is the exact opposite of other Latin books that rely on dense grammatical explanations without many useful examples. Following this method the learner never feels overwhelmed, after learning a few nouns and verbs, one can quickly and naturally move on to correctly produce simple sentences. This is no small feat considering the fact that Latin nouns change based on case. Although the author's voice reminds one more of a cowboy than a consul, the fact that he provides free MP3 recordings for each lesson in both ecclesiastical and classical pronunciation on his website is fantastic. This is the only Latin textbook I've found that offers so much audio material for free online. This book needs a sequel or better yet two--ASAP!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Accessible beginners book for self-taught students of all ages
By Galena
This is a great book for any adult or child who is even mildly interested in Latin. The only negative thing I could say is the amount of white space on most pages as there is only one word or concept on each page but the positive in that is that you feel accomplished as you move through the pages. I have not checked out the attached pronunciation info and I wish they would have just included phonetic pronunciations for each word (they are only included for some) which is why I removed a star. It is the very basics so you'll want to purchase another book for more intermediate and advanced study but to get homeschool students involved in Latin and check on their interest level, it is a good book.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Book so far
By Lisa TI
I started reading *Getting Started with Latin: Beginning Latin* and have already learned so much. I took French in High School (a long time ago) and I remember very little. So I wanted to try and learn Latin now because I figured that it would help me remember French and maybe be able to recognize some words in other Romance Languages. So far it has helped with that and with some basic words in the English language to know where the root of these words come from and their meaning. Once I finish the book I will have my kids start studying Latin so that it will help them in their studies. I will write another review once I finish the book and when my kids finish it too.

What's preventing you from teaching Latin in your homeschool or learning it on your own? If you're intimidated because you've never studied Latin, bewildered by traditional Latin books that move too fast, or just don't know where to begin, then *Getting Started with Latin* is for you! Specifically designed to overcome these types of obstacles, *Getting Started with Latin* is divided into simple lessons that explain the fundamentals of Latin grammar in a way that anyone can grasp. Instead of burying you in mountains of information to memorize, new words and concepts are introduced in a gradual and systematic way. You can immediately apply what you've learned by translating the fun exercises at the end of each lesson. Quickly check your work by turning to the included answer key. To hear the words pronounced, simply download the free recordings from www.GettingStartedWithLatin.com. For additional help and instruction, the author has provided extensive audio commentary recordings that teach through every lesson and exercise in the book. With everything you need here in one book, why aren't you *Getting Started with Latin*?

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