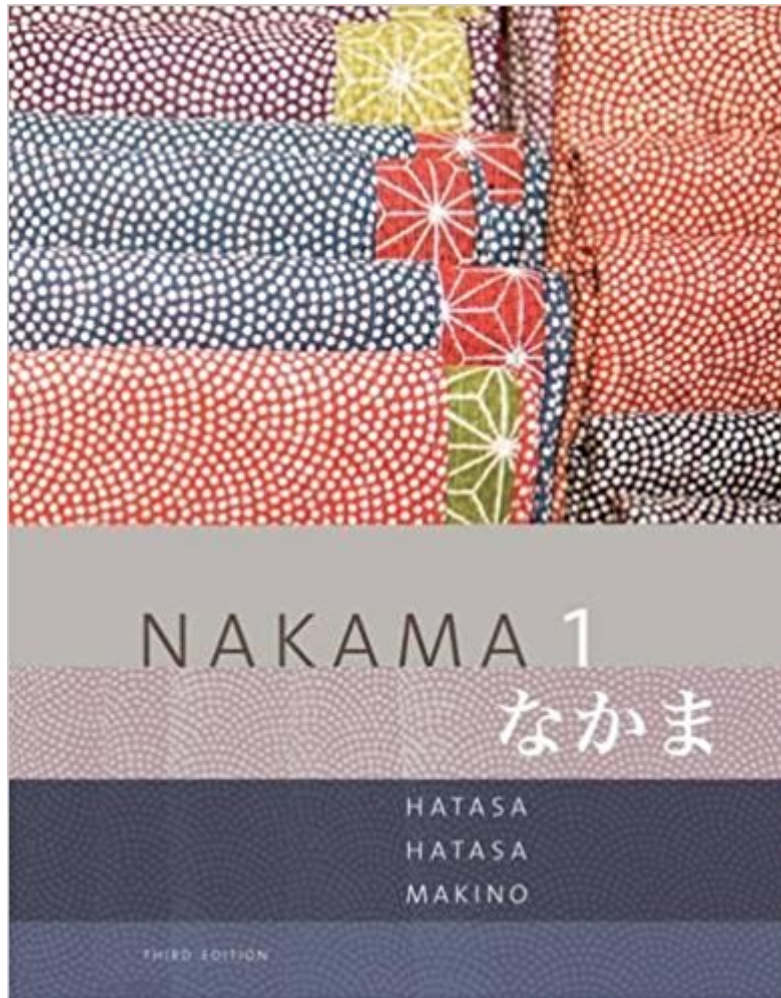


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Hira/Kata and basic Kanji. One thing I recommend is that it never hurts to use online resources along with your textbook. For example, there is a good amount of Kanji in Nakama 1, but there's only so much a chapter, if it's useful to always learn some more on your own. By the time you reach the end of the book, you should have no problem with basic conversation with even native speakers. It does help if you have any prior knowledge, maybe you've watched anime? Japanese drama? But even without it, this book should be a great starter for those who do want to learn.

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Nice book.

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