**Synopsis**

The ultimate starting point for senior citizens who want to learn how to use a PC, this reference guides users through the basics of the Windows Vista operating system. Seniors can work through the book at their own pace while sitting at the computer, learning how to write letters and memos, send and receive e-mail, explore the World Wide Web, and customize computer settings. The information is suitable for users with Windows Vista, Internet Explorer 7, and Outlook Express 7.

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**Customer Reviews**

I use this this book to teach NEWBIES who recibed Vista on their first computers. It is working very well and several have gone on to work on their own.Only one set of commands is given, and the print quality is cheap and hard to see in the screen shots(no color). It is vital that users follow each chapter from step one to get the full benefit.Good for the money and in clear language for seniors and newbies!Hard to keep open on a desk beside the computer area.

This series is very popular with seniors at my public library. The writers clearly understand the needs of their target audience. This book in particular is exceptionally well-written. The information is organized into meaningful sections and the book does not drown the reader in technical details that the readers do not need to know in order to accomplish their goals (i.e. surf the web and send & receive email messages).
this is the second manual I have purchased from this publisher. I have found this one to be as informative and easy to follow as I expected.

I don't think the author of ny "beginner’s" book realizes the state of mind of a "true" beginner, with only the book for help. A true beginner wants to know: How do I turn it on? How do I turn it off when I am finished? What do I do with initial pop ups from security, the computer store? An unknown source and purpose? How do I get to e-mail? If a knowledgeable helper gets the beginner past these blocks, the book is very good as a "look it up" book.

I periodically teach a 10 week class for seniors who have never used a computer, but want to do so for email and the Internet. I have found Windows XP for Seniors and this book, Windows Vista for Seniors, to be the ideal instruction books. My class has no problem following the illustrated step-by-step instructions, and the exercises help retention of the material covered. I believe a senior could learn to use a computer, even without going to a class, by carefully following the instructions in this book. This series is the best available for seniors.

The best thing I love about this manual is... No one talks down to a person not condescending at all. It walks a person through each step and encourages you to try things. It lets you feel pretty secure in the knowledge you won't end up blowing you or your computer into outer space. I would recommend any older adult to try this text book. In fact, I believe a youngster could get a proper, solid background in learning to use a computer wisely.

I got this for my sister-in-law (age 52) who knew practically nothing about the internet or email. She loves it. She would pick a few things a day and learn to use them. I would say in as little as a week, she was quite good at what she was doing - e.g., attaching images to email messages. Like anything, as long as you’re motivated to work at it, then this is ideal for the wanna be computer user.

This is my 3rd book on trying to master Vista. I have Vista for Dummies Dummies, another one I just threw away. This is by far the very best book for novices or seniors that I have come across.... I've found out things I never knew existed

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