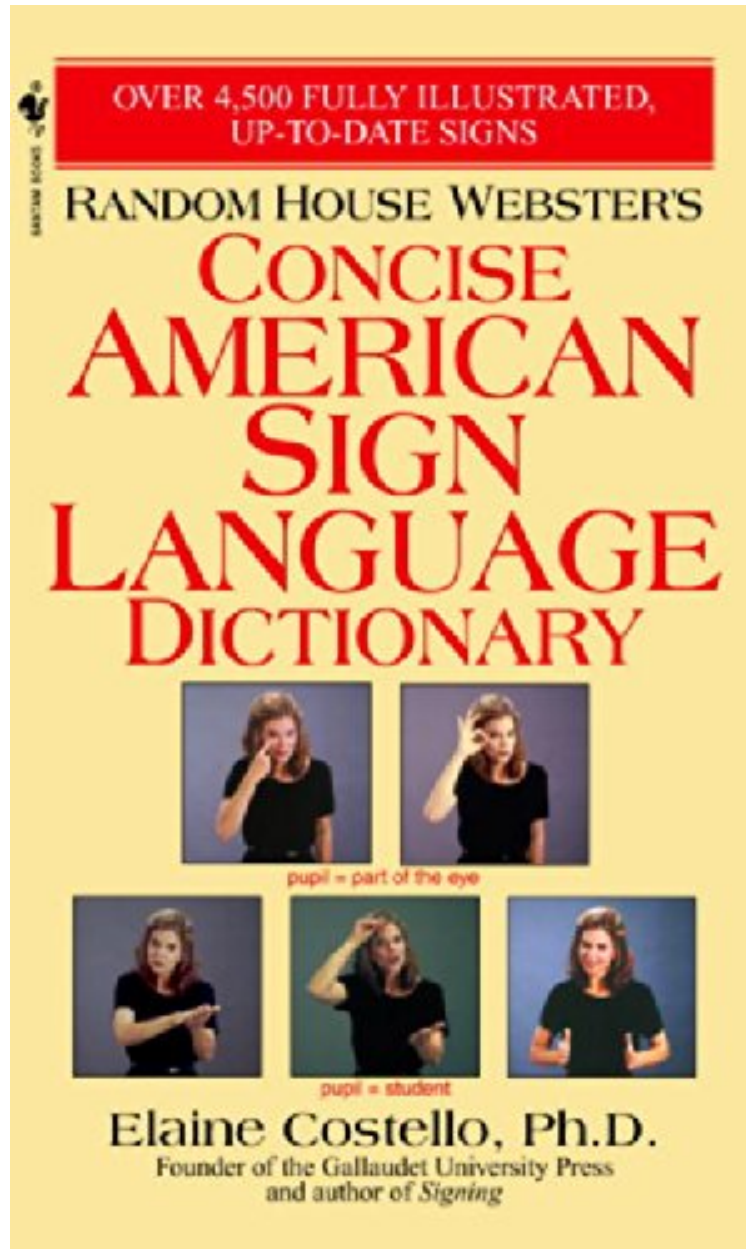


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It was a very good dictionary. It contains many signs, and has many of the related signs connected on their entries. For new learners the signs can be a little hard to follow if you have no understanding of ASL handshapes and general movements. But otherwise, it is without complaints in that department. I was able to follow and understand all the signs perfectly with no complaints. But to test it's clarity I have given it to people with no explanation or background in ASL, told them to choose a sign, and I'd guess what it was. About 50% of the time they would sign it correctly, 40% of the time they would sign it and I would still be able to guess what they were signing, and the last 10% I had to ask them what they were trying to say. My only con would be that there are signs/words missing. Of course, it's impossible to fit all the signs/words into a single book, and it would also be an exhaustive work for any illustrator.
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not that easy to read

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