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Dos mundos, a best-selling program for Introductory Spanish known for its exceptional progressive activities, made its name as an innovative pioneer in Beginning Spanish. Today, it has maintained the spirit of innovation through many successful editions and continues to be implemented in numerous beginning Spanish language classes across the nation with outstanding results. Based on the communicative approach, Dos mundos stresses the use of engaging activities in a natural and spontaneous classroom atmosphere. The Actividades de comunicacion play a primary role in Dos mundos, since the core of the program is communication. These activities include fresh, practical ideas from the field of second-language teaching. In this research-based approach to learning language, the development of communicative language skills is the central goal, with formal grammar presentation and practice at the service of communication. To this end, the grammar explanations and exercises on the blue pages at the end of each chapter are designed for quick reference and ease of study.

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I didn't give this book 5 stars because I'm not an expert on text books, but in my opinion it's very good. It enabled me to enjoy learning how to read and write Spanish putting my first sentences together. I think the learning approach this book employs helped me to understand the foundation of the language. It is great for beginners as well as those going on to more advanced studies, say starting into the third year of study.

I liked using the book in Spanish class and found it very useful to learning the language. It was received in a reasonable amount of time and in good condition from the seller.

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