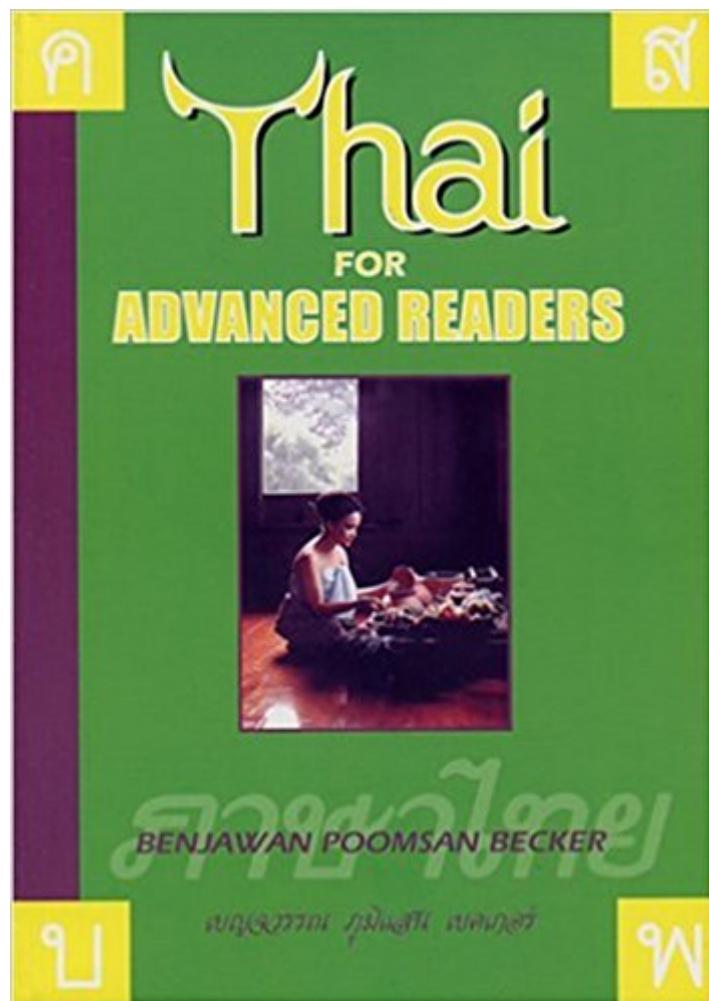


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# Thai For Advanced Readers



## **Synopsis**

This for Advanced Readers... - introduces you to various writing styles. - offers a bridge to advanced reading and writing of the Thai language. - challenges students to read Thai. - is compact and informative. - helps students expand their Thai vocabulary in a systematic way. - can be for self-study and classroom use. Students need to be able to read basic Thai in order to get the most out of this book.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Benjawan Poomsan Becker was born in Bangkok and spent her childhood in Yasothon, a small province in Northeast Thailand. Her family is ethnic Laotian, so she grew up speaking both Thai and Lao. She graduated from Khon Kaen University in Thailand in 1990, with a B.A. in English.

Benjawan gained extensive experience teaching Thai to foreigners while studying for her M.A. in Japan with the Japan-Thailand Trade Association and Berlitz Language School, and in the US with Thai temples, Stanford University and private students. She now resides in Berkeley, California where she continues to write and publish books on the Thai and Lao languages. She also has a translation and interpretation business. Her books include "Thai for Beginners", "Thai for Intermediate Learners", "Thai for Advanced Readers", "Thai-English/English-Thai Dictionary for Non-Thai Speakers", "Improving Your Thai Pronunciation", "Practical Thai Conversation DVD Series", the popular "Speak Like a Thai Series" and many other titles on the Thai language.

I love this book--I'm not done with it--but the author really knows how to lead the language learner

from zero to self-sufficiency. I am eager to jump ahead from one doable lesson to the next. Each new reading is accompanied by a long vocabulary list filled with words I've heard many times but never knew what they meant. So I am filling in 20 missing puzzle pieces with each new lesson. The topics are interesting. The pronunciation of each word is spelled out entirely in Thai (the confusing English-language approximations are gone). You can check your understanding of each reading against a general, not word-for-word, English-language version of the reading. So by struggling through each reading, you learn vocabulary and grammar naturally, in something like a total immersion setting. It takes me hours to do each new lesson. But when I am done I can skip back to an earlier lesson and breeze through it one more time. It is very, very satisfying.

Decent book but I guess calling it advanced is a bit of a stretch. Probably hard to determine because compared to someone who knows zero Thai I suppose it is advanced but once you get through it don't expect to be able to pick up a novel in Thai and be able to breeze through it.

I love Benjawan Poomsan Beckers lesson format! Straight forward and concise!! You have helped me in so many situations in Thailand. Thai's don't speak a lot of English outside of tourist areas. Embrace the culture!!!

Not a bad read! learned some new words in the process!

Thank you this will help me review...

Love it!

Difficult (for me) but is the natural next step to the intermediate book.

Thai for Advanced Readers is a huge jump in difficulty from the Intermediate book in this series. This book consists of several one to three page passages in Thai, followed by vocabulary relevant to the passage, and finally the translation in English. This book offers a lot to learn to anyone willing to put in the time. Personally speaking, about halfway through this book I noticed a jump in my reading speed and in my ability to "sight-read" words that I had never seen before. The book has a few drawbacks however. First, as I mentioned before, there is a huge jump in difficulty. If you read the beginner and intermediate books and are expecting the next step in the progression, forget it.

This book should probably fall in a series of books oriented towards reading skills. The second issue I have with this book is overall effectiveness of it as a study resource. As much as I enjoyed the challenge of this book, I can't say the vocabulary stuck with me at all, nor did it do anything to improve my day to day Thai skills. Perhaps this is more fault of the student than the book but I thought it was fair to share my experience.

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