

## Books for Learning Norwegian (Bokmål)

Note: Prices were correct June 2010 but may change with the fluctuating exchange rate.

There are many books, cassettes and CDs; some can be borrowed from Birmingham Central Library. This list includes recommended books and others you may come across, with comments; it is not exhaustive. You can buy the BLC recommended course books at Reception or via the links given. Other books (and CDs) are worth buying as supplementary material and for extra reading and listening practice. Buy books published in the UK/USA online at <<http://www.amazon.co.uk>>. Books published in Norway are available at Norli bookshop in Oslo <<http://www.norli.no>> but may be cheaper online from <<http://www.bokkilden.no/SamboWeb/superSokLinkTil.do>>; searching by title and author is quickest. As the exchange rate is fluctuating wildly, it's best to monitor the standard rate (not tourist rate) at your bank's web site over a period of a few weeks and order by credit or debit card on a day when the rate is more favourable.

**Feedback please:** If you have or come across other course books or ones that supplement them (like the grammar reference books), then please send details and also your comments to John via 'Kontakt oss' on the web site at <<http://www.norsk.org.uk>>.

### Med tusen ord

<http://www.fagbokforlaget.no/medtusenord>

BLC class book: all levels from Entry level/stage 2 to Level 1/stage 2 in one volume.

Author: Olaug Strand

Published: 2009

Publisher: Fagbokforlaget

Paperback



Tekst- og arbeidsbok: ISBN: 9788211008688

No. of pages: 277

Dimensions: ?? cm

Price: kr 349,- (not known/not yet available from BLC Reception)

Textbook and workbook in one volume. Builds vocabulary progressively with spoken emphasis, comprehensive grammar summary and word list.

Elevhefte med lytteøvinger: ISBN: 9788211008695

No. of pages: 126

Dimensions: ?? cm

Price: kr 265,- (not available from BLC Reception)

Student booklet with listening exercises, answers, aural tests.

Lytteøvinger CD: ISBN: 9788211012838

Running time: 4 hr 9 min

Price: kr 349,- (not available from BLC Reception)

CD of listening exercises.

Website with additional exercises for Windows and Mac OS X and online text/workbook:

<http://mto.portfolio.no/>

### På vei

[http://www.cappelendammundervisning.no/undervisning/search-result.action?projectId=7030&query=\\_&richList=true&otherFacets=](http://www.cappelendammundervisning.no/undervisning/search-result.action?projectId=7030&query=_&richList=true&otherFacets=)

Formerly used for BLC Entry level/stage 2 and Level 1/stage 1 courses.

Authors: Elisabeth Ellingsen, Kirsti Mac Donald

Published: 2nd edition, 2004

Publisher: Cappelen Damm A/S

Paperback



Tekstbok: ISBN: 9788202231392  
 No. of pages: 184  
 Dimensions: 22.5 x 20.8 x 1.1 cm  
 Price: kr360,- (£32 from BLC Reception)  
 Arbeidsbok with CD: ISBN: 9788202236656  
 No. of pages: 216  
 Dimensions: 29.7 x 21.0 x 1.4 cm  
 Price: kr395,- (£27.45 from BLC Reception)

Norsk-English wordlist: ISBN: 9788202239527

No. of pages: 118

Dimensions: 21.0 x 14.8 cm

Price: kr110,- (not available from BLC Reception)

Website with additional exercises: <http://pavei.cappelendamm.no/>

### Stein på stein

[http://www.cappelendammundervisning.no/undervisning/norsk\\_som\\_andresprak/search-result.action?projectId=1962&richList=true](http://www.cappelendammundervisning.no/undervisning/norsk_som_andresprak/search-result.action?projectId=1962&richList=true)

Formerly used for BLC Level 1/stage 2 and Level 2/stage 1 courses.

Authors: Elisabeth Ellingsen, Kirsti Mac Donald

Paperback

Published: 2nd edition, 2005

Publisher: Cappelen Damm A/S



Tekstbok: ISBN: 9788202242619  
 No. of pages: 156  
 Dimensions: 22.4 x 21.0 x 1.0 cm  
 Price: kr360,- (£32 from BLC Reception)  
 Arbeidsbok with CD: ISBN: 9788202242626  
 No. of pages: 168  
 Dimensions: 29.7 x 21.2 x 1.0 cm  
 Price: kr360,- (£20.50 from BLC Reception)  
 Norsk-English wordlist: ISBN: 9788202249540

No. of pages: 86

Dimensions: 21.0 x 14.8 cm

Price: kr110,- (not available from BLC Reception)

Website with additional exercises: <http://steinpastein.cappelendamm.no/>

### Her på berget

[http://www.cappelendammundervisning.no/undervisning/norsk\\_som\\_andresprak/search-result.action?projectId=7045&richList=true](http://www.cappelendammundervisning.no/undervisning/norsk_som_andresprak/search-result.action?projectId=7045&richList=true)

Level: BLC Level 2/stage 2 course.

Authors: Elisabeth Ellingsen, Kirsti Mac Donald

Paperback

Published: 2nd edition, 2008

Publisher: Cappelen Damm A/S



Tekstbok: ISBN: 9788202261542  
 No. of pages: 154  
 Price: kr365,- (not available from BLC Reception)  
 Arbeidsbok: ISBN: 9788202279202  
 No. of pages: 176  
 Price: kr290,- (not available from BLC Reception)  
 Student CD: ISBN: 9788202288563  
 Price: kr130,- (not available from BLC Reception)

Website with additional exercises: <http://herpaberget.cappelendamm.no/>

## Ny i Norge

<http://www.fagbokforlaget.no/?verk=Ny%20i%20Norge>



The best selling coursebooks in Norway for beginners of Norwegian.

Authors: Gerd Manne, Gölin Kaurin Nilsen

Paperback

Publisher: Forlaget Fag og Kultur a.s.

Tekstbok: ISBN 978-82-11-00554-0

No. of pages: 312

Published: 2003

Price: kr349,-

3rd edition (1995) and cassettes in Brasshouse Learning Centre Library.

Arbeidsbok: ISBN: 978-82-11-00556-4

No. of pages: 205

Published: 2003

Price: kr309,-

Ordliste norsk-engelsk: ISBN 978-82-11-00566-3

No. of pages: 93

Published: 2003

Price: kr109,-

Lydbok: CD with lesson texts 12 - 27: ISBN 9788211005557

Published: 2003

Price: kr389,-

Lesehefter: 6 paperback booklets with additional reading material

Published: 2004

Prices: kr89,- each for booklets 1 - 3; kr109,- each for booklets 4 - 6

Lesehefte 1 - Ankomst Norge: ISBN 978-82-11-00667-7

Lesehefte 2 - Et hus på landet: ISBN 978-82-11-00668-4

Lesehefte 3 - Arven etter Eilert: ISBN 978-82-11-00669-1

Lesehefte 4 - En sommer i Paris: ISBN 978-82-11-00670-7

Lesehefte 5 - Døden ved Nordvann: ISBN 978-82-11-00671-4

Lesehefte 6 - Tilbake til Riga ISBN 978-82-11-00672-1

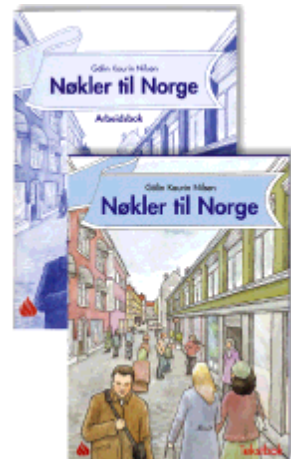
Lesehefte 1-3: ISBN 978-82-11-00673-8, Price: kr219,-

Lesehefte 4-6: ISBN 978-82-11-00675-2, Price: kr269,-

## Nøkler til Norge

<http://www.fagbokforlaget.no/?verk=Nokler%20til%20Norge>

Follow-on course from Ny i Norge



Author: Gölin Kaurin Nilsen

Paperback

Publisher: Forlaget Fag og Kultur a.s.

Tekstbok: ISBN 978-82-11-00706-3

No. of pages: 240

Published 2005

Price: kr349,-

Arbeidsbok: ISBN 978-82-11-00708-7

No. of pages: 157

Published 2005

Price: kr315,

Ordliste norsk - engelsk: ISBN 978-82-11-00808-4

Published: 2005

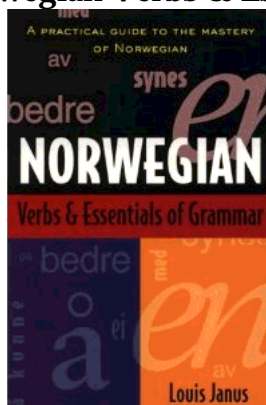
Price: kr109,

Øvinger i lytteforståelse (bok): ISBN 978-82-11-00827-5

Published 2006

Price: kr315,

## Norwegian Verbs & Essentials of Grammar



Author: Louis Janus  
Paperback ISBN: 9780844285962  
No. of pages: 167  
Published: 1999  
Publisher: McGraw-Hill  
Dimensions: 22.8 x 15.2 x 1.2 cm  
Price: £9.99; Amazon used from £4.61

Most language learning books introduce language and grammar elements gradually, so that verb tenses, for example, are distributed throughout the book. This can make looking things up difficult as the different tenses for regular verbs, irregular verbs and other exceptions are all in different places. This book is not a language learning book (although you could use it that way); it is a reference in English for all Norwegian grammar grouped logically, so that everything about adjectives, for example, is together. The several sections on verbs occur one after the other for each tense, making lookup very easy. There is a chapter on common errors and the appendices include lists of common verbs, prefixes and suffixes. Highly rated by users; clearly laid out and accessible; useful and excellent value for the beginner. I bought it as a beginner but have now moved on to the Strandskogen book.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Copies in Brasshouse Learning Centre Library and Birmingham Central Library.

## Norwegian: An Essential Grammar



Authors: Åse-Berit Strandskogen, Rolf Strandskogen  
Paperback ISBN: 9780415109796  
No. of pages: 208  
Published: 2nd edition, 1994  
Publisher: Routledge <http://www.routledge.com>  
Dimensions: 22.9 x 15 x 1.8 cm  
Price: £19.99; Amazon £17.30, used from £12.99

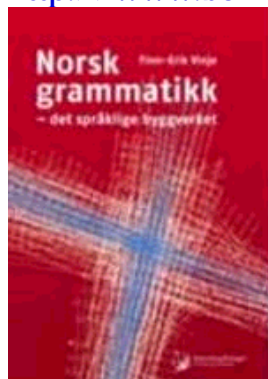
A very comprehensive reference book in English for all Norwegian grammar with copious examples of usage, including idioms and common errors. Highly rated by users; well laid out; easy lookup; excellent for learners beyond the beginner stage.

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Richard West-Soley: I can recommend it too, as it gives some really clear explanations of each point.

## Norsk grammatikk

<http://www.bokkilden.no/SamboWeb/produkt.do?produktId=1490493>



Author: Finn-Erik Vinje  
ISBN: 9788257314590  
No. of pages: 265  
Published: 2005  
Publisher: Kunnskapsforlaget  
Dimensions: 17 x 24 cm  
Price: kr349,-  
The reference favoured by teachers, journalists and other writers in Norway.

## Norsk grammatikk

[http://www.cappelendammundervisning.no/undervisning/norsk\\_som\\_andresprak/search-result.action?projectId=1593&query=\\_&richList=true&facet=ft\\_subject%3ANorsk+som+andrespr%C3%A5k%7CGrammatikk&productRows=80](http://www.cappelendammundervisning.no/undervisning/norsk_som_andresprak/search-result.action?projectId=1593&query=_&richList=true&facet=ft_subject%3ANorsk+som+andrespr%C3%A5k%7CGrammatikk&productRows=80)



Level: Norwegian as a foreign language for adults; entirely in norsk

Author: Kirsti Mac Donald

Paperback

Published: revised edition, 2009

Publisher: Cappelen Damm A/S

Teoribok: ISBN: 9788202292546

No. of pages: ?

Price: kr290,-

Arbeidsbok: ISBN: 9788202292553

No. of pages: ?

Price: kr290,-

Website with additional exercises: <http://norskgrammatikk.cappelendamm.no/>

## Norwegian Grammar and Reader with Notes and Vocabulary

Author: Julius Emil Olson

Paperback: ISBN: 9780554551593

No. of pages: 342

Published: 2008

Publisher: BiblioBazaar

Dimensions: 21.4 x 14.6 x 2.4 cm

Price: £17.99

This is a facsimile reproduction of an out-of-print book with pronunciation guide, extensive grammar, 50 reading texts from Norwegian literature, vocabulary list, irregular verb list. However, the original is probably over 70 years old from before the 1938 spelling reform so it uses old spellings, eg *bog* for *bok*, *glæde* for *glede*. Buy it only if you want the literature passages or have an interest in the history of language development.

Contributed by John Bennison.

## Outlines of Norwegian Grammar

Author: John Young Sargent

Paperback; ISBN: 9780554942346

No. of pages: 76

Published: 2008

Publisher: BiblioBazaar

Dimensions: 21.6 x 14.2 x 0.8 cm

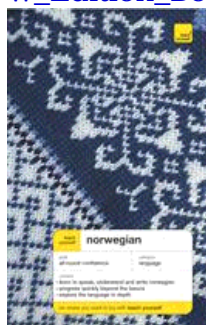
Price: £16.99

This is a facsimile reproduction of an out-of-print book with pronunciation guide and grammar summary. However, the original is probably over 70 years old and uses a difficult-to-read Gothic font and pre-1938 spellings. Not recommended.

Contributed by John Bennison.

## Teach Yourself Norwegian

[http://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/Title/9780340887561/Teach\\_Yourself\\_Norwegian\\_New\\_Edition\\_Bookdouble\\_CD.htm](http://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/Title/9780340887561/Teach_Yourself_Norwegian_New_Edition_Bookdouble_CD.htm)



Author: Margaretha Danbolt Simons

Paperback + 2 x CD: ISBN: 9780340887561

No. of pages: 288

Published: 2004

Publisher: Hodder Education

Dimensions: 22.2 x 16.8 x 5 cm

Price: £27.99

(New edition due October 2010: ISBN 9781444107203, £34.99)

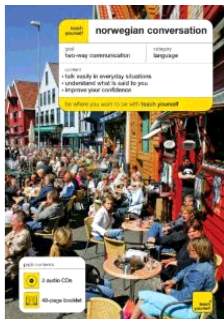
The book contains 16 units of grammar and exercises with answers,

pronunciation guide, conversational phrases, text of the CD dialogues, culture notes, norsk-English vocabulary and an irregular nouns/verbs list. A good supplement to Brasshouse courses with useful extra listening practice. The spoken dialogues are very clear with little elision and no confusing regional accents.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Copy for loan in Birmingham Central Library.

### Teach Yourself Norwegian Conversation



Author: Margaretha Danbolt Simons  
3 x CD (225 mins): ISBN: 9780340927755  
Published: 2006

Publisher: Hodder Education

Price: out of print, none currently available at Amazon

10 conversation role plays complementing the main Teach Yourself book/CD set. 48-page booklet gives the dialogues and translations and glossary of words and phrases used.

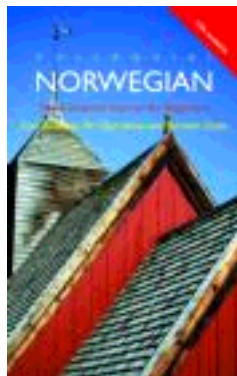
### Colloquial Norwegian

<http://www.routledgelanguages.com/books/colloquials/Norwegian>

Authors: Kari Bratveit, W Glyn Jones, Kirsten Gade

Published: 1995

Publisher: Routledge



Paperback: ISBN: 9780415110099

No. of pages: 282

Price: £12.99

Book + CDs: ISBN 978-0-415-45593-0

Price: £25.64

New edition due July 2010 (provisional details):

Paperback: ISBN 9780415470377 £12.64

CD: ISBN 9780415486262 £14.04

Book + CDs: ISBN 9780415470360 £27.99

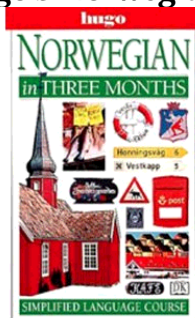
Reading texts, 120 min. of CD dialogues, 20 lessons in small easily digested chunks of grammar, 110 short exercises + answers, gradually increasing vocabulary, pronunciation guide, grammar summary, English-norsk/norsk-English glossaries. Good conversational Norwegian. I prefer longer exercises to reinforce my learning, but it's still a useful book.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Richard West-Soley: A very good course to supplement Brasshouse studies - all points explained very clearly. It's concise, but covers all major grammar points systematically - it's quite fast-paced. The CDs are also very well produced and great for extra listening practice.

Copy of previous edition for loan in Birmingham Central Library.

### Hugo's Norwegian in Three Months



Author: Oivind Blom

Paperback + 4 cassettes: ISBN: 978-0789444288

No. of pages: 256

Published: 1999

Publisher: DK Publishing

Dimensions: 21.5 x 13.5 x 1.4 cm

Price: out of print; Amazon used from £32.95

Reading passages, 16 lessons of grammar in small easily digested chunks with 70 graded exercises and a gradually increasing vocabulary, pronunciation guide, regular/irregular verb list, grammar summary. I bought it when I first started Norwegian as it was well-liked by self-learners.

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<http://www.norsk.org.uk>

## Beginning Norwegian

Author: Einar Haugen

Paperback: ISBN: 9780245552335

No. of pages: 226

Published: 3rd edition, 1957

Publisher: Harrap

Dimensions: 19.8 x 13.0 x 1.3 cm

Price: out of print; Amazon used from £6.49, but popular so often unavailable

Reading passages and 34 lessons of grammar in small easily digested chunks with many repetitive exercises to re-inforce the learning, building gradually to a vocabulary of the 800 most frequently used words in Norwegian. English-norsk/norsk-English glossaries, punctuation and capitalisation rules. The extensive pronunciation guide is good on exceptions and also includes stress, pitch and intonation for phrases and sentences. It clearly explains much grammar that other books gloss over or omit entirely, including superlative endings when used with indefinite or definite nouns, past participle endings when used as adjectives, preposition position in relative clauses, conditional forms and when to use the bli, være or -s passive forms. A little dated but a very good supplement to other course books.

Contributed by John Bennison.

## Beginner's Norwegian



Author: Laura Hanson

Paperback + 2 x CD: ISBN: 9780781810432

No. of pages: 286

Published: 2004

Publisher: Hippocrene Books

<<http://www.hippocrenebooks.com/default.aspx>>

Dimensions: 21.6 x 14 x 2 cm

Price: £22.50; Amazon £19.13, used from £10.22

13 lessons for the beginner with dialogues for the study of grammar and vocabulary, exercises with answers, English-Norwegian glossary, introduction to the Norwegian language and its history, cultural notes, study tips, pronunciation guide.

## Norwegian in 10 Minutes a Day



Author: Kristine K. Kershul

Paperback + CD: ISBN: 9781931873086

No. of pages: 132

Published: 2007

Publisher: Bilingual Books Inc <<http://www.bbks.com>>

Product Dimensions: 26.7 x 22.1 x 1.3 cm

Price: £17.99; Amazon £11.04, used from £6.66

Simple beginner's guide with 150 sticky labels of household objects, flash cards, pronunciation guide and quizzes. Lacks explanation of

some grammar.

## Byki Learning Norwegian Deluxe 4 software

CD-ROM (contains both Mac and Windows versions)

Platforms: Mac OS X 10.3.9 or higher; Windows XP SP2 or Vista; Pocket PC 2002 or better with ActiveSync 3.5 or higher; Palm OS 5.2.1 or better with HotSync 4.0 or higher.

Publisher: Transparent Language <http://www.transparent.com/>

Price: £49.99

Byki Deluxe 4 teaches 2000 essential Norwegian words and 500 phrases with native speakers. Written, listening comprehension and dictation tests, games, audio files for MP3 players. Personalised learning system tracks progress.

Download Lite version free from:

<http://www.byki.com/fls/free-norwegian-software-download.html?l=norwegian>

## Talk Now Norwegian software

Series of CD-ROMs (each contains both Mac and Windows versions).

Platforms: Mac OS X 10.3.9 or later; Windows 2000/ME/XP/Vista; QuickTime 6 or later.

Publisher: Eurotalk <http://eurotalk.com/en/products/talknow/norwegian>



Talk Now - Beginner level with basic vocabulary

Price: £24.99

Talk Now USB - on 1GB USB memory stick

Price: £29.99

Talk the Talk - Beginner plus level, under-18 vocabulary

Price: £24.99

Talk More - Beginner plus level, adult vocabulary

Price: £29.99

World Talk - Intermediate level, extends vocabulary

Price: £29.99

Talk Business - Intermediate level, business vocabulary

Price: £29.99

Vocabulary Builder - for children aged 4 - 12

Price: £19.99

Vocabulary and phrases for beginner and intermediate levels. Native speaker listening comprehension, record your own speech, video clips, quizzes, vocabulary memory games, printable dictionary, phrasebook and worksheets, iPod integration. Personalised learning system tracks progress.

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## Pimsleur Norwegian: The Complete Course 1

32 half-hour lessons and user manual on pre-loaded digital player, audio cassettes or CDs.

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Audio <http://www.recordedbooks.com>

Published: 1999

Beginning Norwegian, Part A

Playaway digital player: ISBN 9781440700583

Price: \$99.75

9 x CD box set: ISBN 9781436105019

Price: \$188.75

9 x Cassettes: ISBN 9781436105002

Price: \$160.75

Beginning Norwegian, Part B

Playaway digital player: ISBN 9781440700590

Price: \$99.75

9 x CD box set: ISBN 9781436105392

Price: \$188.75

9 x Cassettes: ISBN 9781436105026

Price: \$160.75

Beginning Norwegian: The Short Course, 8 lessons building to simple conversation.

Copy for loan in Birmingham Central Library.

Playaway digital player: ISBN 9781440700347

Price: \$51.75

5 x CD box set: ISBN 9781436104999

Price: \$43.75

5 x Cassettes: ISBN 9781436104982

Price: \$39.75

32 half-hour lessons and user manual on pre-loaded digital player, audio cassettes or CDs.

Teaches spoken Norwegian by repetitive listening comprehension and imitation of native speakers; no written text. Builds gradually to continuous conversation. I wish I'd discovered this years ago - it's really good for listening and speaking practice especially those difficult elisions where words run together.

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