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## PREFACE

THIS book is designed to give a working vocabulary and the ability to use it in speaking and writing simple Spanish. In method, it aims especially to make connected speech a vital and constructive part of the first few months of work in Spanish. The text lays the foundation for an adequate course, but deals only with essential principles and broad distinctions; and it is therefore adapted in a special manner to the needs of beginners in foreign language study.

Omission of the familiar form of address halves the beginner's difficulties in getting acquainted with Spanish, especially if speaking is to be emphasized. The verb forms of the second person have for this reason not been used in the text. However, a complete table of endings is given in section 359 *b*.

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