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Synopsis

Note: This is a standalone book. CIAO! continues to set the standard for interactive, flexible introductory Italian instruction with its state-of-the-art online technology package. Not only is this course entirely portable to accommodate the demands of a busy life, it features exciting new capabilities that allow students to share links, photos, and videos and to comment on those posted by their fellow classmates. The eighth edition is distinguished by several new resources and updates that promote the acquisition of Italian language and culture in accordance with the National Standards for Foreign Language Education. Communicative goals are established at the start of each chapter to provide students with clearly defined objectives as they work through the content, while skill-building strategies and interactive activities help them achieve those goals. The all-new "Regioni d'Italia" section establishes a thematic thread that is maintained throughout the chapter and provides plenty of opportunities to make cross-cultural comparisons even within the regions of Italy itself. CIAO!'S fully-updated authentic readings, cultural snapshots, videos, and activities engage students in deeper exploration of the vibrant life of modern-day Italy and the country's rich cultural heritage. Each chapter ends with a thorough "Ripasso" to ensure student success. Now more than ever, CIAO! provides an all-in-one grammar and vocabulary program that allows students to communicate in Italian with confidence and gives them a unique cultural perspective on an ever-changing Italy.

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I have taken two different Italian language courses, one used "Ciao!" , the second - another text book. I prefer "Ciao!". I feel that the authors of "Ciao!" have laid out the book in a more logical progression. "Ciao!" also offers up good information on areas, cities, and sites of Italy, as well as insight into the culture. This 8th edition is extremely up to date and relevant

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