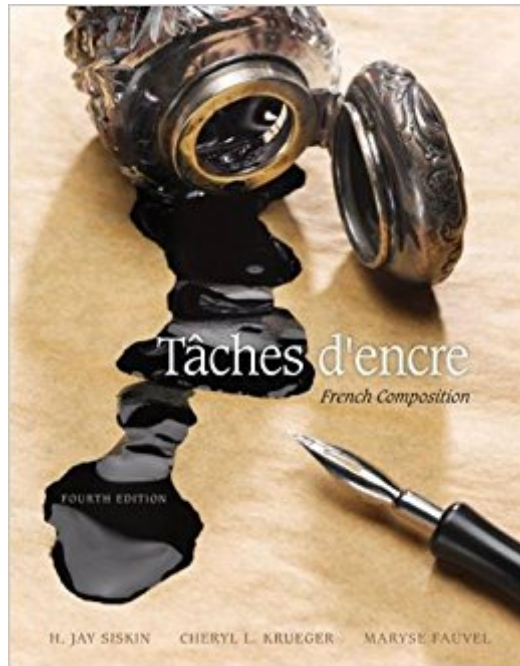


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# Taches D'encre: French Composition (World Languages)



## Synopsis

Using a process-writing approach, this third-year composition text helps students master writing skills, gain confidence as writers, discover that writing -- even in a foreign language -- can be a pleasure. The text is set up in a workbook format and is written entirely in French, except for the first chapter. Students broaden their repertoire of related speech acts, vocabulary, grammatical structures, and stylistic elements through three major sections. Each chapter features a model text -- a literary piece, journalistic selection, or informal writing -- that represents the Francophone world.

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Worst E-book ever.

The book was in perfect condition and I was able to use it for my French class :)

I am a current college student who has studied french in the US since elementary school. I had a decent grasp of the language, but I wanted to improve. Hence, I took a french course the first semester of my freshman year. Apparently I impressed the professor greatly because shortly thereafter I received a letter encouraging me to pursue a major in french. I decided: why not? Then I took my second french class, which came with this book. Even with all of my experience, which

includes a number of french novels, this book was a struggle. It is entirely in french and challenges you on vocabulary with every new page. Normally I would welcome the challenge, especially as each chapter has a vocabulary table to help you decipher the forthcoming contents. However, the vocabulary tables are also entirely in french with NO English translations to help you understand all of the new words and phrases you're supposed to be learning. I had to use a french dictionary every single time I opened this thing, which got annoying quickly. Beyond that, the language the author(s) use frequently smacks of pretentiousness. An example that stands out is an essay assignment that asks you to describe a moment that "changed how you view yourself." I am barely nineteen years old, and you expect me to have had some sort of life changing epiphany in that time frame? Perhaps the question was asking for something else entirely, but that's the best I could translate it and the professor even agreed with my translation. In conclusion, this book was a very unpleasant experience that caused more frustration than actual learning moments solely because it doesn't make allowances for non-french speakers actually trying to, I don't know, LEARN HOW TO SPEAK FRENCH!

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