

BOOK REVIEW

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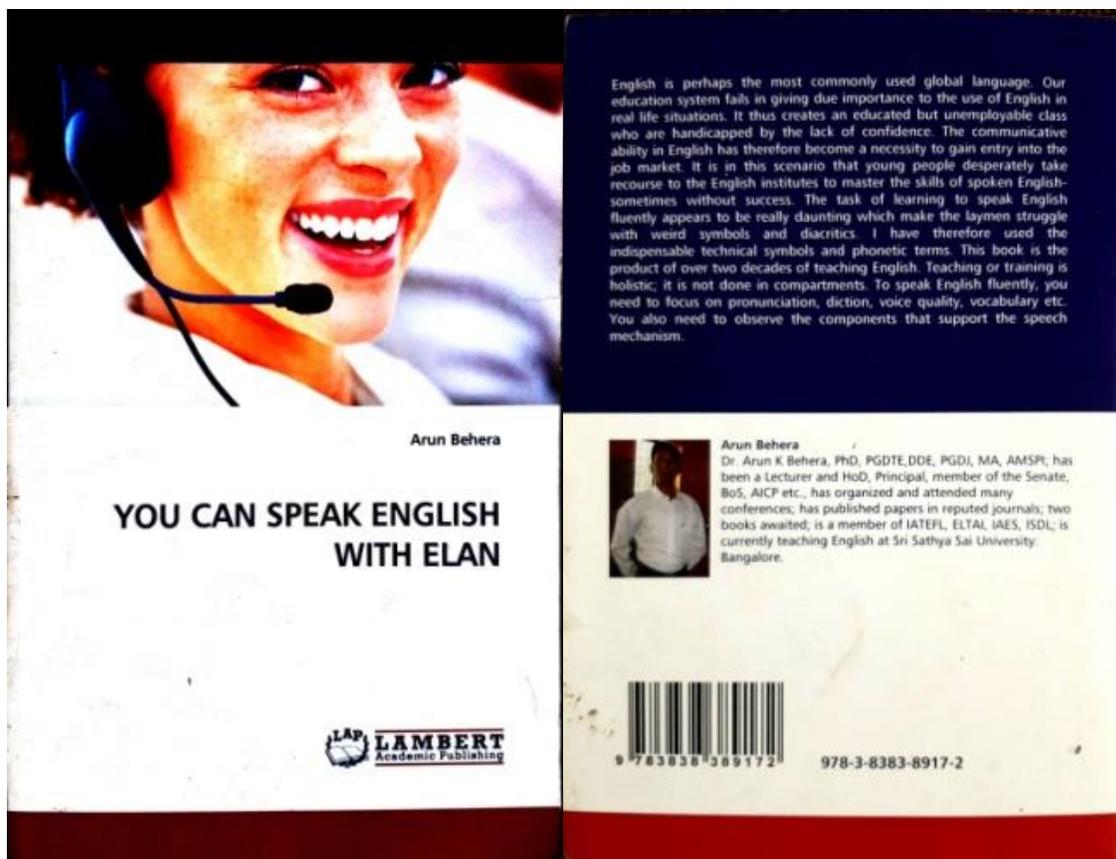
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Lambert Academic Publishing, Germany published a book in 2010 entitled *You can Speak English With 'Elan* by Dr Arun Behera, who is an authority in English in general and linguistics and phonetics in particular. He has published over a hundred research papers in renowned peer-reviewed International and National journals. He has also authored eight informative and highly acclaimed books. For his contributions to language, Sri Behera has been conferred with many prestigious awards, MTC Global Award, and IRDP Award, to name a few. This book too is another contribution from Prof. Behera to the noble cause of

teaching the English language.

It is a highly insightful and informative book on developing the skills to speak in English. We know that English, with over 1500 million speakers across the globe remains one of the largest spoken languages. Also, the relevance of English as a language of business- be it personal or professional causes- cannot be undermined. Born out of his experience over 30 years, the book *You can Speak English With 'Elan* has taken into account all these necessities of the language.

Divided into a structured episodic narrative, it has taken into consideration the needs of both native and non-native English speakers. It has reflected on one of the most important aspects of language: pronunciation. It is very important that one not only learns to converse in English but also pronounces each word correctly. The major problem faced by non-native speakers is that they are seldom confident in speaking English whenever required.

A full chapter called 'Barriers to Effective Communication' has been dedicated by the author to address such highly important issues. Also, the author intends to break a few 'myths' and enlighten his readers to 'facts' of the communication process in general. It should be noted that pronunciation has a lot to do with Mother Tongue Influence that sometimes stands as a barrier to non-native learners. Hence, chapters like 'Sentence Stress and Rhythm' or 'What about Pronunciation in case of Foreign Words in English?' will certainly help the readers to overcome such issues. I would specifically point to a section of the book that is dedicated to 'Spoken English'.

We know how the education market is mushrooming with spoken English courses that turn out to be ineffective most of the times. After having read this book, I can say that Prof. Behera's work is a fantastic approach to understand the theoretical part of spoken English. The narrative technique is simple yet so enlightening that any reader who wishes to understand the basics of spoken English should find this book a blessing. The demonstrations by Dr Behera in this book actually can make a reader feel that s/he is not only having a theoretical knowledge but also a practical application of the same.

After reading this book, any reader will become more confident in her/his communication skills. I would highly recommend this book to be part of the syllabi of colleges where technical communication or language communication courses are offered. Dr Arun Behera has done a commendable job by bringing out this book in a splendid way. Every English learner should possess a copy of it and I am sure you can speak

English with 'elan. The only issue with this book is its price but it can serve a large community if priced low and/or brought out as kindle version which I am sure the learned author will take into consideration.

Note: The book will be available in ebook format shortly.