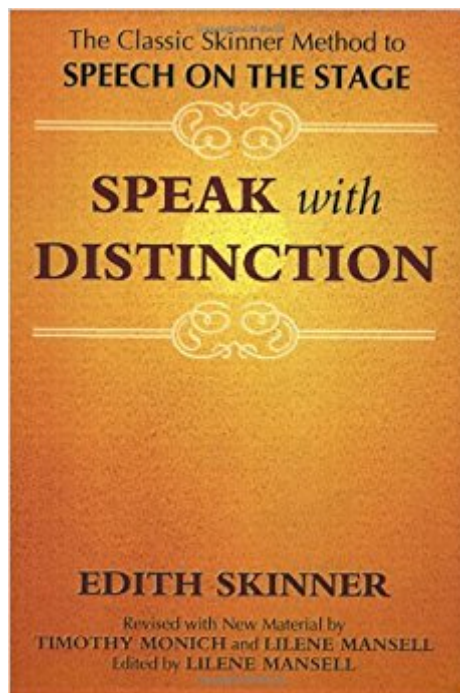




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# Speak With Distinction: The Classic Skinner Method To Speech On The Stage



## Synopsis

(Applause Acting Series). Widely recognized as the most complete and rigorous text of its kind since it was first published in 1942, *Speak With Distinction* is an invaluable resource. It presents a comprehensive study of the sounds of Spoken English in their most important phonetic environments. This most recent revision also adds much material for comparisons of speech sounds; suggestions for accurate, efficient and conversational ways of combining the sounds into connected utterance; indications that foster a working knowledge of two dialects of speech (General American and what Mrs. Skinner called Good Speech for classic and elevated texts); and beginning material to show application of the principles of Good Speech to well-written texts. Some important additions to the book are the extensive Glossary and Index, abundant guides to pronunciations, new sections featuring such details as the complete "Ask-List" of words, a program for the elimination of glottal attacks of vowel and diphthong sounds, greatly expanded practice material of phrases and sentences, and an updated Chart showing several levels of phonetic transcription and spelling equivalents in current usage. *Speak With Distinction* can be used in several ways: as a primary educational textbook for both the beginning and advanced actor; as a supplementary textbook for teachers and students who have their own methods and agenda for study; and as a reference book for teachers, speech coaches and directors.

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Indispensable for those who want to improve their speech

it is an amazing book, to correct the English accent, but without the teacher, I do not know how can it help.

Good presentation of a huge amount of topics, dry read though

This has been great but I really need to partner with a vocal coach to get the most out of it. Best investment if you also have the money to have a coach work with you!

The best training book for ESL learners and native American speakers alike. It had the most profound impact on my diction, though I have not yet even gotten to one third of the book!

It is a classic in the field. For singers, some of the positions are too far back in the throat, but lyric diction is always somewhat modified. Bearing this in mind, it's good for everyone.

I book, but you need a tutor or a professional to help you decode the correct sounds. I would recommend hiring a speech coach and also to buy the Speak with Distinction Practice CD & booklet.

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