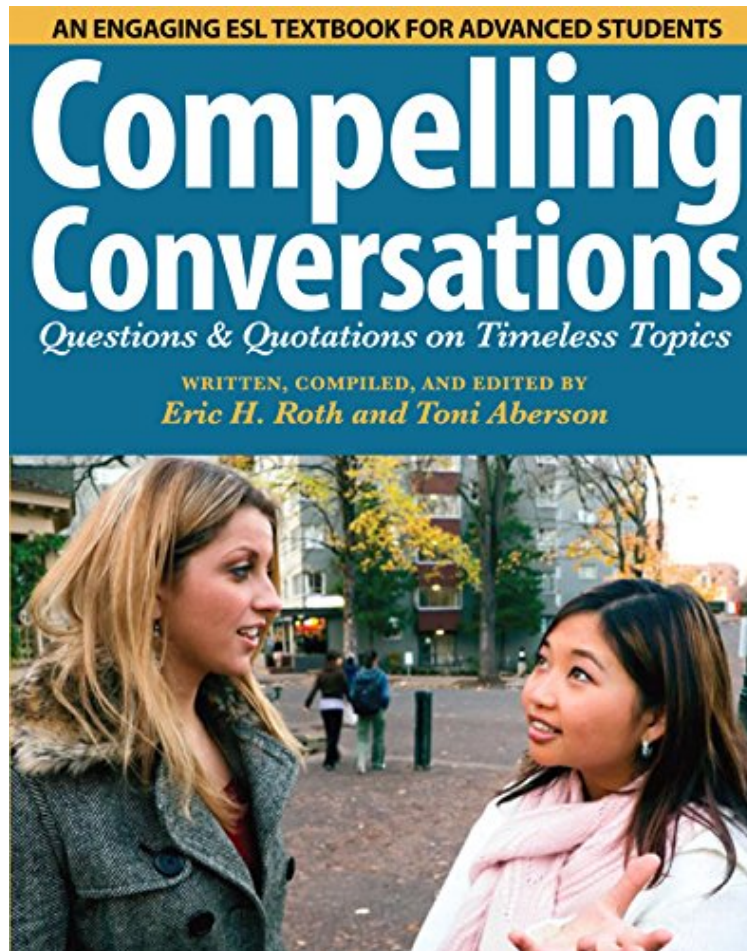


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we think we should be, or who we've been programmed or conditioned to be.' Roth believes that the English language itself can be liberating. 'Learning English can allow some to escape the prison of their national background. In many languages, the words are either masculine or feminine. English doesn't do this. Much has been written about why English-speaking countries were the first of women's rights; the language doesn't discriminate against women structurally.' Wabash College Magazine Fall 2011 by Steve Charles

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