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First, the dictionary contains both Chinese-English and English-Chinese sections even though the title states just Chinese-English. A section on character index is included, as well as the introduction that explains abbreviations, etc. I was looking for a smaller portable dictionary besides the larger one I have ordered which is Pocket Oxford Chinese Dictionary (Oxford Dictionaries). I am a beginner in learning Chinese and my primary method is by Pimsleur which products are Chinese (Mandarin) I, Mandarin II, and Chinese (Mandarin) III (Compr.) [CD]. After completing Pimsleur Mandarin I, there are many questions I wish answered. 1. The meaning of each Chinese character that make up the whole phrase. 2. How each word in a phrase is interrelated to that of a different phrase. 3. How those Chinese characters (simplified) look like. This dictionary provides those answers. Although there are only 20,000 entries, all the words and phrases I want to look up from Pimsleur Mandarin I
are listed. As I get to late intermediate to early advanced level, I will be looking for a more comprehensive Chinese-English dictionary.

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