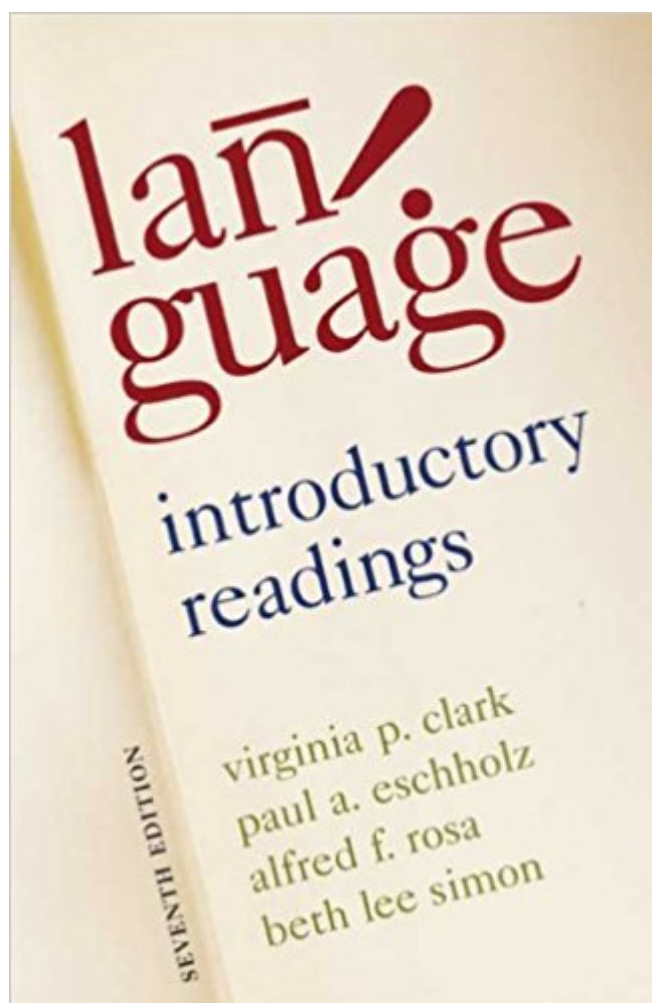


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# Language: Introductory Readings



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"Language can acquaint the non-specialist with a wide array of issues involved in the study of language. The readings are generally accessible without prior study of linguistics." -- Matthew Weltig, University of Nevada at Reno

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Text for my class, so kind of a necessary buy. The text book itself is great -- very engaging, detailed, explanatory, and easy to read. This particular book I would not have considered in "Very Good" condition. Probably closer to "Acceptable" or "Good". There were a large pile of stickers all over the back cover, that once I managed to pull off almost amounted to 1/4" thick. There's tape on the front cover patching up a small tear, the front top and bottom corners are bent a bit, and the spine has some tears in the cover. That being said, all the pages are intact and I have yet to see any highlighting. There were also lots of stickers on the spine too.

We used *Language: Introductory Reading* as a guide to learning linguistics, which worked out better than it might sound. Some of the concepts in there are great to explore, such as Prototypical theory. The book is a mash-up of scholarly writing so there is a good variety of opinions and ideas, some of which even work to contradict others. It helps to have a linguistic professor there to guide you along, so if you want to read this just for fun then I recommend making sure you have a solid grasp of some of the concepts before you dive in.

The book is excellent and a great introduction to linguistics. But I ordered a rental book, and it is not in good condition. The back section (about 15 signatures) separated from the spine of the book. I hope this is taken into consideration when I return the book!

Needed it for a class and served its purpose. It came in great conditions.

Great text for language theory course. Really good and informative read.

The readings were varied and interesting.

Some of the readings are abstruse, and some of the readings are quick. All of the readings are worth the price of the book. This has been an interesting read so far.

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