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*Light at the Edge of the
World* Simon and
Schuster

A handy beginner's
guide to linguistic
fieldwork - from the
preparation of the work
to the presentation of
the results.

The Kingdom of Speech

Pantheon
Puffing, chuffing, never
yawning Climbing hills
as day is dawning.
Trains don't sleep, they
CLANG and HOOT
Cross bridges and
canyons, plow through
snow, charge down
mountains, and
meander across fields
filled with sheep. And
when it is time to rest
and dreams are just

ahead, never
fear—trains don't sleep
so that you can. With
the feel of a classic and
vivid artwork that
captures the power
and majesty of trains,
this is a fast-paced
rhyming ode to the
locomotive.

The Architecture of
Belief Piranha Last Line
Provides a linguistic
foundation for students
of all majors Assisted
by numerous
pedagogical aids, A
Concise Introduction to
Linguistics, 4/e
explains all concepts in
a systematic way
making complex
linguistic topics as
easy to learn as
possible. This
introductory title
covers the core topics
of linguistics, providing
the information and
concepts that will allow
students to understand
more detailed and

advanced treatments of linguistics. This student-friendly and well-balanced overview of the field of introductory linguistics pays special attention to linguistic anthropology and reveals the main contributions of linguistics to the study of human communication and how issues of culture are relevant. Its workbook format contains well-constructed exercises in every chapter that allow students to practice key concepts. Ur Special A&C Black An accessible exploration of a burgeoning new field: the incredible evolution of language The first popular book to recount the exciting, very recent developments in

tracing the origins of language, *The First Word* is at the forefront of a controversial, compelling new field. Acclaimed science writer Christine Kenneally explains how a relatively small group of scientists that include Noam Chomsky and Steven Pinker assembled the astounding narrative of how the fundamental process of evolution produced a linguistic ape-in other words, us. Infused with the wonder of discovery, this vital and engrossing book offers us all a better understanding of the story of humankind. **The Culturally Articulated Unconscious** Academic Press Number concepts are a human invention developed and refined

over millennia. They allow us to grasp quantities precisely: recent research shows that most specific quantities are not perceived in the absence of a number system. Numbers are not innate or universal; yet without them, the world as we know it would not exist.

Randall's Guide to Crazy, Nastyass Animals Routledge

The renowned philosopher and political theorist presents a summation of his influential work in this series of Columbia University lectures. A pioneer in the fields of modern linguistics and cognitive science, Noam Chomsky is also one of the most avidly read political theorist of our time. In this series of lectures,

Chomsky presents more than half a century of philosophical reflection on all three of these areas. In precise yet accessible language, Chomsky elaborates on the scientific study of language, sketching how his own work has implications for the origins of language, the close relations that language bears to thought, its eventual biological basis. He expounds and criticizes many alternative theories, such as those that emphasize the social, the communicative, and the referential aspects of language. He also investigates the apparent scope and limits of human cognitive capacities. Moving from language and mind to society and politics, Chomsky

concludes with a philosophical defense of a position he describes as "libertarian socialism," tracing its links to anarchism and the ideas of John Dewey, and even briefly to the ideas of Karl Marx and John Stuart Mill. Demonstrating its conceptual growth out of our historical past, he also shows its urgent relation to our present moment. [Don't Sleep, There are Snakes](#) JHU Press

Bedtime often seems to come too early, but what would happen if you never went to sleep? When scientists decided to find out, they discovered that your brain needs a rest after a long day of thinking, just as your muscles would need a rest after a long day of work. A different kind

of bedtime story, this book is the perfect response to the question 'Can't I stay up a little longer?' *Don't Sleep, There are Snakes* John Wiley & Sons

For more than 30 years, renowned anthropologist Wade Davis has traveled the globe, studying the mysteries of sacred plants and celebrating the world's traditional cultures. His passion as an ethnobotanist has brought him to the very center of indigenous life in places as remote and diverse as the Canadian Arctic, the deserts of North Africa, the rain forests of Borneo, the mountains of Tibet, and the surreal cultural landscape of Haiti. In *Light at the Edge of the World*, Davis explores

the idea that these distinct cultures represent unique visions of life itself and have much to teach the rest of the world about different ways of living and thinking. As he investigates the dark undercurrents tearing people from their past and propelling them into an uncertain future, Davis reiterates that the threats faced by indigenous cultures endanger and diminish all cultures.

The Cultural Tool

Simon and Schuster A bold and provocative study that presents language not as an innate component of the brain—as most linguists do—but as an essential tool unique to each culture worldwide. For years, the prevailing opinion among academics has

been that language is embedded in our genes, existing as an innate and instinctual part of us. But linguist Daniel Everett argues that, like other tools, language was invented by humans and can be reinvented or lost. He shows how the evolution of different language forms—that is, different grammar—reflects how language is influenced by human societies and experiences, and how it expresses their great variety. For example, the Amazonian Pirahã put words together in ways that violate our long-held understanding of how language works, and Pirahã grammar expresses complex ideas very differently than English grammar does. Drawing on the Wari' language of

Brazil, Everett explains that speakers of all languages, in constructing their stories, omit things that all members of the culture understand. In addition, Everett discusses how some cultures can get by without words for numbers or counting, without verbs for “to say” or “to give,” illustrating how the very nature of what’s important in a language is culturally determined. Combining anthropology, primatology, computer science, philosophy, linguistics, psychology, and his own pioneering—and adventurous—research with the Amazonian Pirahã, and using insights from many different languages and cultures, Everett gives us an

unprecedented elucidation of this society-defined nature of language. In doing so, he also gives us a new understanding of how we think and who we are.

The Jungle Book
Scholastic Inc.

The Wilo people languished in fear of the powerful witchcraft of neighboring tribes and the capricious whims of the jungle spirits. Then they heard of a book called "God's Talk" and in desperation pleaded for a messenger - any messenger - to come and explain it to them. But they weren't counting on messengers like these. Numbers and the Making of Us Penguin Never before has wildlife narration been this bold and this hilarious. More than 40

million people have viewed Randall’s honey badger video, “The Crazy Nastyass Honey Badger.” “It has no regard for anyone or anything—it just takes what it wants! What a little badass!” When viewing wildlife footage, who hasn’t thought at times, “Ewww! What the hell is that?!” Randall thinks it — and says so! In *Honey Badger Don’t Care*, Randall examines and humorously informs on a dozen crazy, nasty animals of the wild kingdom employing his unique style of telling it like it is! His wildlife writing is refreshingly honest. If an animal scares Randall, he’s not afraid to share. Unlike most nature writers, Randall doesn’t deliver the sugarcoated or drab

description. He “goes there” and shares his true feelings with his audience. Because of this, his readers feel that they can relate. Randall loves animals—even the ones that terrify him. He may not agree with how these animals conduct themselves in the world, but Randall wants everyone to know who they are. Just as he introduced the world to the honey badger, the Jesus lizard, and others, so will Randall shed light on twelve bizarre and interesting animals. Designed with callouts, sidebars, and more than fifty photos, *Honey Badger Don’t Care* presents a wildlife book for adults—hilarious, irreverent, profane, yet charming, chatty, and informative. Don’t be

stupid—buy this book! Liveright Publishing Although Daniel Everett was a missionary, far from converting the Pirahã, they converted him. He shows the slow, meticulous steps by which he gradually mastered their language and his gradual realisation that its unusual nature closely reflected its speakers' startlingly original perceptions of the world. Everett describes how he began to realise that his discoveries about the Pirahã language opened up a new way of understanding how language works in our minds and in our lives, and that this way was utterly at odds with Noam Chomsky's universally accepted linguistic theories. The

perils of passionate academic opposition were then swiftly conjoined to those of the Amazon in a debate whose outcome has yet to be won. Everett's views are most recently discussed in Tom Wolfe's bestselling *The Kingdom of Speech*. Adventure, personal enlightenment and the makings of a scientific revolution proceed together in this vivid, funny and moving book.

How Language Began: The Story of Humanity's Greatest Invention No Starch Press

Is it in our nature to be altruistic, or evil, to make art, use tools, or create language? Is it in our nature to think in any particular way? For Daniel L. Everett,

the answer is a resounding no: it isn't in our nature to do any of these things because human nature does not exist—at least not as we usually think of it. Flying in the face of major trends in Evolutionary Psychology and related fields, he offers a provocative and compelling argument in this book that the only thing humans are hardwired for is freedom: freedom from evolutionary instinct and freedom to adapt to a variety of environmental and cultural contexts. Everett sketches a blank-slate picture of human cognition that focuses not on what is in the mind but, rather, what the mind is in—namely, culture. He draws on years of field research among the

Amazonian people of the Pirahã in order to carefully scrutinize various theories of cognitive instinct, including Noam Chomsky's foundational concept of universal grammar, Freud's notions of unconscious forces, Adolf Bastian's psychic unity of mankind, and works on massive modularity by evolutionary psychologists such as Leda Cosmides, John Tooby, Jerry Fodor, and Steven Pinker. Illuminating unique characteristics of the Pirahã language, he demonstrates just how differently various cultures can make us think and how vital culture is to our cognitive flexibility. Outlining the ways culture and individual psychology operate

symbiotically, he posits a Buddhist-like conception of the cultural self as a set of experiences united by various apperceptions, episodic memories, ranked values, knowledge structures, and social roles—and not, in any shape or form, biological instinct. The result is fascinating portrait of the “dark matter of the mind,” one that shows that our greatest evolutionary adaptation is adaptability itself.

Life and Language in the Amazonian Jungle

Titan Books (US, CA)

During the time Mowgli was with the wolf pack, he is abducted by the Bandar-log monkeys to the ruined city. Baloo and Bagheera set out to rescue him with Kaa the python. Kaa defeats the Bandar-log,

frees Mowgli, and hypnotises the monkeys and the other animals with his dance. Mowgli rescues Baloo and Bagheera from the spell. The Jungle Book (1894) is a collection of stories by English author Rudyard Kipling. The stories were first published in magazines in 1893–94. The original publications contain illustrations, some by Rudyard's father, John Lockwood Kipling. Kipling was born in India and spent the first six years of his childhood there. After about ten years in England, he went back to India and worked there for about six-and-a-half years. These stories were written when Kipling lived in Vermont. Famous stories of The Jungle Book Rudyard Kipling: Mowgli's Brothers,

Kaa's Hunting, Tiger!
 Tiger!, The White Seal,
 Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, Toomai
 of the Elephants, Her
 Majesty's Servants.
*What Kind of Creatures
 Are We?* Faber & Faber
 Ambition will fuel him.
 Competition will drive
 him. But power has its
 price. It is the morning
 of the reaping that will
 kick off the tenth
 annual Hunger Games.
 In the Capitol,
 eighteen-year-old
 Coriolanus Snow is
 preparing for his one
 shot at glory as a
 mentor in the Games.
 The once-mighty house
 of Snow has fallen on
 hard times, its fate
 hanging on the slender
 chance that Coriolanus
 will be able to
 outcharm, outwit, and
 outmaneuver his fellow
 students to mentor the
 winning tribute. The
 odds are against him.
 He's been given the

humiliating assignment
 of mentoring the
 female tribute from
 District 12, the lowest
 of the low. Their fates
 are now completely
 intertwined - every
 choice Coriolanus
 makes could lead to
 favor or failure,
 triumph or ruin. Inside
 the arena, it will be a
 fight to the death.
 Outside the arena,
 Coriolanus starts to
 feel for his doomed
 tribute . . . and must
 weigh his need to
 follow the rules against
 his desire to survive no
 matter what it takes.
Linguistic Fieldwork
 Columbia University
 Press
 Special edition slipcase
 edition of John Green's
 Paper Towns, with pop-
 up paper town. From
 the bestselling author
 of *The Fault in our
 Stars*. Quentin
 Jacobsen has always

loved Margo Roth Spiegelman, for Margo (and her adventures) are the stuff of legend at their high school. So when she one day climbs through his window and summons him on an all-night road trip of revenge he cannot help but follow. But the next day Margo doesn't come to school and a week later she is still missing. Q soon learns that there are clues in her disappearance . . . and they are for him. But as he gets deeper into the mystery - culminating in another awesome road trip across America - he becomes less sure of who and what he is looking for. Masterfully written by John Green, this is a thoughtful, insightful and hilarious coming-of-age story. Language A&C Black

A linguist offers a thought-provoking account of his experiences and discoveries while living with the Pirahã, a small tribe of Amazonian Indians living in central Brazil and a people possessing a language that defies accepted linguistic theories and reflects a culture that has no counting system, concept of war, or personal property, and lives entirely in the present. 25,000 first printing. Are Snakes Necessary? Vintage
Why Do Isolated Creole Languages Tend to Have Similar Grammatical Structures? Bastard Tongues is an exciting, firsthand story of scientific discovery in an area of research close to the heart of what it means to be

human—what language is, how it works, and how it passes from generation to generation, even where historical accidents have made normal transmission almost impossible. The story focuses on languages so low in the pecking order that many people don't regard them as languages at all—Creole languages spoken by descendants of slaves and indentured laborers in plantation colonies all over the world. The story is told by Derek Bickerton, who has spent more than thirty years researching these languages on four continents and developing a controversial theory that explains why they are so similar to one another. A published

novelist, Bickerton (once described as "part scholar, part swashbuckling man of action") does not present his findings in the usual dry academic manner. Instead, you become a companion on his journey of discovery. You learn things as he learned them, share his disappointments and triumphs, explore the exotic locales where he worked, and meet the colorful characters he encountered along the way. The result is a unique blend of memoir, travelogue, history, and linguistics primer, appealing to anyone who has ever wondered how languages grow or what it's like to search the world for new knowledge.

Paper Towns Ink Lion Books

An adorable picture book full of sibilant sounds and other word play, *Snakes on a Train* is as fun for parents as it is for kids, and sure to be a read-aloud hit. The conductor takes the tickets as the snakes start crawling on. The tracks are checked, the whistle blows. It's time to move along.

Hisssssssssss goes the sound of the train.

Honey Badger Don't Care University of Chicago Press

Why have people from different cultures and eras formulated myths and stories with similar structures? What does this similarity tell us about the mind, morality, and structure

of the world itself?

From the author of *12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos* comes a provocative hypothesis that explores the connection between what modern neuropsychology tells us about the brain and what rituals, myths, and religious stories have long narrated. A cutting-edge work that brings together neuropsychology, cognitive science, and Freudian and Jungian approaches to mythology and narrative, *Maps of Meaning* presents a rich theory that makes the wisdom and meaning of myth accessible to the critical modern mind.