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This third edition of An Introduction to Functional Grammar has been extensively revised. While retaining the organization and coverage of the earlier editions, it incorporates a considerable amount of new material. This includes strengthening the grammar through the use of data from a large-scale corpus, upgrading the description throughout, and giving greater emphasis to the systemic perspective, in which grammaticalization is understood in the context of an overall model of language.

The approach taken in the book overcomes the distinction between theoretical and applied linguistics. The description of grammar is grounded in a comprehensive theory, but it is a theory which evolves in the process of being applied.

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Nick says

A grammar book? Are you kidding? You want me to read a grammar book?

Do I? Well, maybe not read it all!!

What does 'grammar' mean to you? Lists of rules about what you can and cannot say? Tree diagrams and obscure logical symbols? An explanation of how patterns of language mean? Well, this last one is what you can expect from Halliday and Matthiessen's 3rd Edition of Introduction to Functional Grammar (IFG). This volume is the core text for an approach to language analysis called Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL) /Grammar (SFG), and is frequently used for (critical) discourse analysis, corpus linguistics, multimodal studies and other fields of functional grammar. I cannot attempt to summarise all of the amazing facts and details that this book provides. (That's the job of the book itself - it's still just an introduction even at 600+ pages.) However, this is unlike most modern books about grammar. For a start, the idea that language is to communicate ideas is just a part of the story. Language does much more than transfer ideas. It also binds people together and establishes their roles and relationships with each other, as well as operating within a constantly-evolving relevant context. This book explains how all of this is managed by the amazing resource for making meaning that we know as language. While this is not an easy theory to learn from scratch, as it comes with a wide range of functional terms for what language does, its reward is the power it offers to analysts working with real language in real contexts.

Dee Basar says

A very helpful book for those who are learning linguistics and translation studies.

Guilherme Nunes says

O livro é brutal! Nunca mais verei a linguagem da mesma forma.

Muhamad Ridwan says

The main theory I am using for my undergraduate thesis. Very comprehensive!

J-Lynn says

This textbook is brutal. The authors start off the book by telling the readers that they will not coddle us and plan on writing the topics on their level of understanding. And they do. Most of the chapters are inaccessible unless read multiple times. However, this is one of very few books written about functional linguistics and

definitely the most inclusive. So, if you are working in the field, I would still recommend it--just plan on spending a long time on each subject and be sure to have a room with complete silence.

Ivan says

Buku ini menyelamatkanku dari Chomsky. Bukannya mau meremehkan, tapi sepertinya Halliday lebih 'memberi bekal untuk hidup dalam masyarakat' alias down to earth daripada Chomsky...

Aidi says

ideational

Yulia Ainsani says

we will have discussion about this book.. *lalaalayeeee

Ms. says

It is very useful material to who teach/read Applied Linguistics .Thanks to Michael A. K. Halliday The author of An Introduction to Functional Grammar.

Melody Violine says

I quit reading halfway when I found the 4th edition

Agus Wu says

Is there anyway to read this book for free

Tsvetomila says

my favourite grammar :-)
