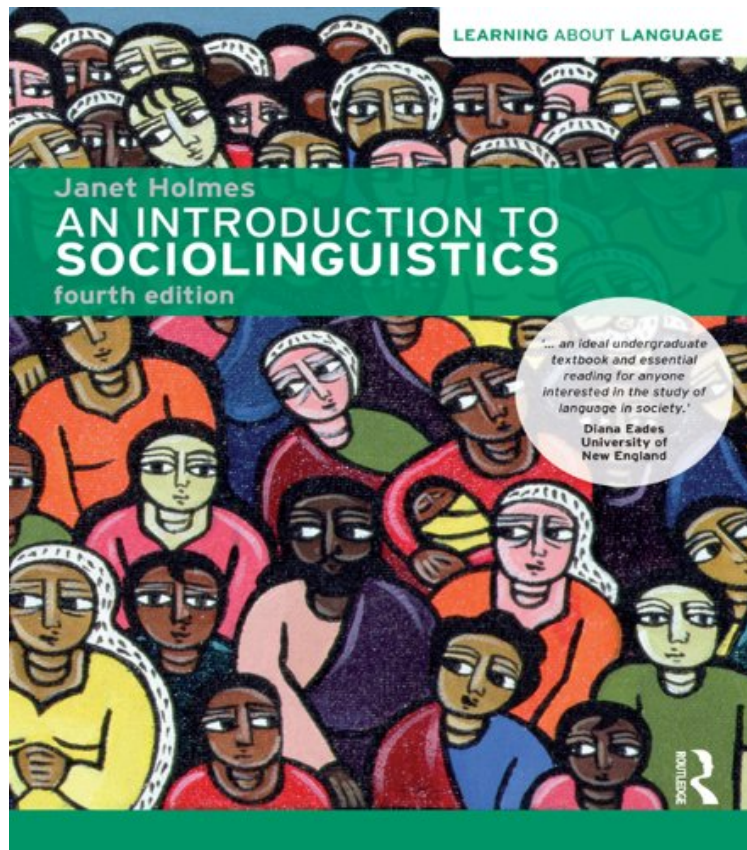


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Von Janet Holmes : An Introduction to Sociolinguistics (Learning about Language) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised An Introduction to Sociolinguistics (Learning about Language):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Da kann ich nichts zu sagenVon bambo1Meine Tochter brauchte dieses Buch fr Ihr Studium. Das Studium hat sie inzwischen erfolgreich abgeschlossen. Aber ob ihr das Buch dabei eine Hilfe war, wei ich nicht.1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Klare SacheVon CustomerMs Holmes macht aus der Einfhrgung in die Soziolinguistik eine persnliche Angelegenheit, und ihr Stil ist beeindruckend. Anhand von Beispielen wird in Problemfelder eingefhrt, die anschlieend sachlich verortet werden. So entsteht ein guter berblick, den Holmes vor Allem in der Zusammenfassung zu einem guten Abschluss bringt.Ich habe es komplett gelesen, und vor Allem die berraschenden feministischen Untertne habe ich immer genossen - recht so!0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Seminar-friendly, but ...Von PhilologosThe book has several distinct advantages, but also some rather awkward sides. On the assets sides, it has a clear structure, it is very easy to read, it is comprehensive and nicely divides into 16 chapters, which can be used as a basis for a session each. What is more, many exercises (most of which include a

suggested solution at the end of each chapter) help students relate the more theoretical subjects to real-life examples. In short, this is a very student (and lecturer) friendly book. The biggest disadvantage is probably that it has far too many examples, that it is long-winding, and that it is sometimes a bit superficial. It would probably be a good idea to condense the discussions by one third, taking out many of the examples and adding perhaps a bit more depth, especially in terms of research methodology. Furthermore, I find Holmes' book, like so many contemporary works on sociolinguistics, ideologically biased in that it has a noticeable leaning to left-wing ideas. This is reflected, for example, in her blaming the education system for the failure of working-class children in school or some dreadfully simplistic and stereotypical examples, and it culminates in the statement that promoting bidialectalism may, in certain settings, be like forcing people to change their sexual identity (p. 416 - what an absurd claim for a sociolinguist!). Holmes, herself, suggests that textbooks should be critically analysed as to their underlying ideology. A good starting point, in my view, would be her own book. All in all, therefore, this is a well laid-out book with a very down-to-earth approach but also some less appreciable sides.

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