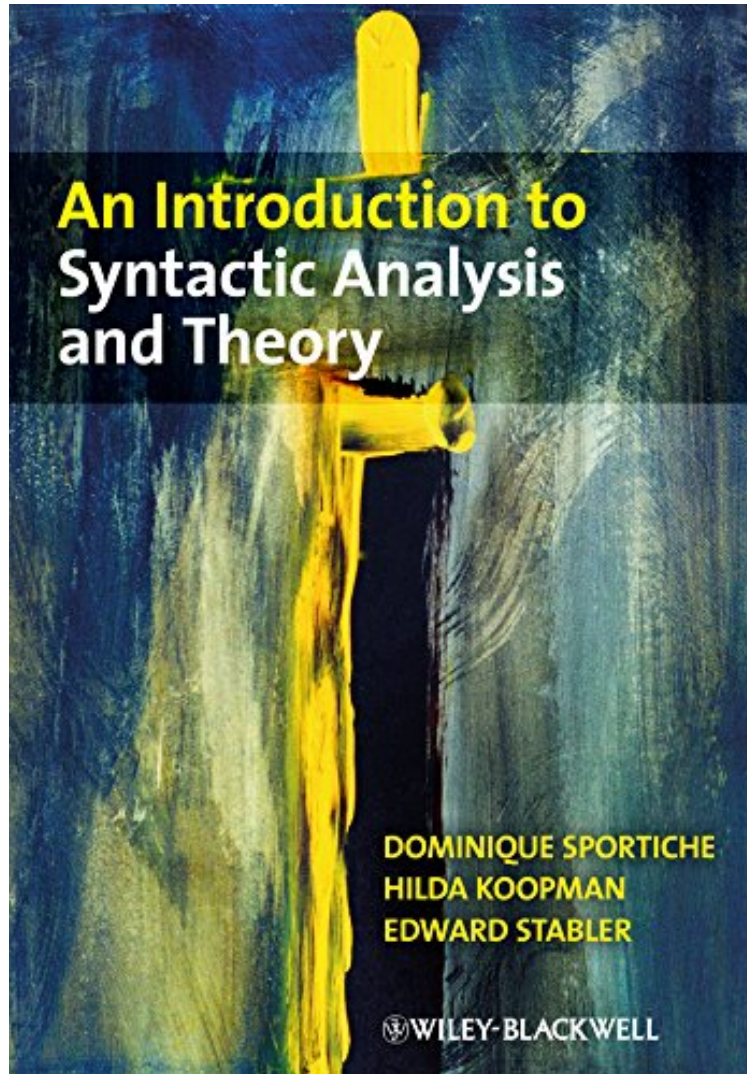


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Von Dominique Sportiche, Hilda Koopman, Edward Stabler : An Introduction to Syntactic Analysis and Theory before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised An Introduction to Syntactic Analysis and Theory:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Very insightful textbook with sloppy copy-editingVon Guido FierlbeckI'd like to contradict the overly negative reviews posted till now on . In my view this is/would be a very good textbook, maybe the best on the market now - if weren't for sloppy copy-editing. True is there are quite a lot of inconsistencies especially in later chapters, probably the result of the book's long gestation process and the need to update theory and conventions to adapt to newer developments

and jargon. True is that some passages are utterly incomprehensible gibberish, for instance in the box on page 255: "We see that silent discussed in Chapter 4 is excluded (see Stowell (1981) for a discussion of the distribution of Maybe (9.5.3a) could be excluded And this is not the only case like this! True is that the exercises need an answer key to be usable out of class and that the promised companion website is an urgent need which could give a necessarily long list of corrections. True is that the concentration on English makes it sometimes hard to follow for a non-native speaker like me. BUT: there is tremendous insight hidden behind all of this. Guglielmo Cinque is perfectly right when he says in his blurb that the most solid results of the last 50 years are presented together with the arguments and the methodology that led up to them. The last point is particularly worth mentioning. By slowly(!) working through the book and by revising some of the contents again and again even a beginner without prior knowledge should be able to reach a very deep level of understanding.

Kurzbeschreibung An Introduction to Syntactic Analysis and Theory offers beginning students a comprehensive overview of and introduction to our current understanding of the rules and principles that govern the syntax of natural languages. Includes numerous pedagogical features such as practice boxes and sidebars, designed to facilitate understanding of both the hows and the whys of sentence structure Guides readers through syntactic and morphological structures in a progressive manner Takes the mystery out of one of the most crucial aspects of the workings of language the principles and processes behind the structure of sentences Ideal for students with minimal knowledge of current syntactic research, it progresses in theoretical difficulty from basic ideas and theories to more complex and advanced, up to date concepts in syntactic theory Pressestimmen "All in all, therefore, this book should be recommended to students looking for a clear introduction to generative syntax, as well as to anyone interested in language structure. The exercises can also make it a good handbook to use as a complement to a course on syntax." (Cercles, 1 June 2014) Rezension "Three outstanding linguists have combined forces to give us an exceptionally clear step-by-step empirically rich and exercise-rich introduction to the question of how to scientifically study human language morphology and syntax." Richard S. Kayne, New York University "This is the most thorough and sophisticated introduction to syntax and morphology that I have seen. The authors present the most solid results of the research of the last fifty years, as well as the arguments and the scientific methodology that have been instrumental in achieving them: a unique feature of this introduction, which brings the reader to a very deep level of understanding without assuming any prior knowledge." Guglielmo Cinque, Ca' Foscari University "This terrific textbook presents in depth analyses of linguistic phenomena accompanied by wonderfully crafted problem sets and very useful conceptual comments on the connection between the study of language and other areas of scientific inquiry." Danny Fox, Massachusetts Institute of Technology