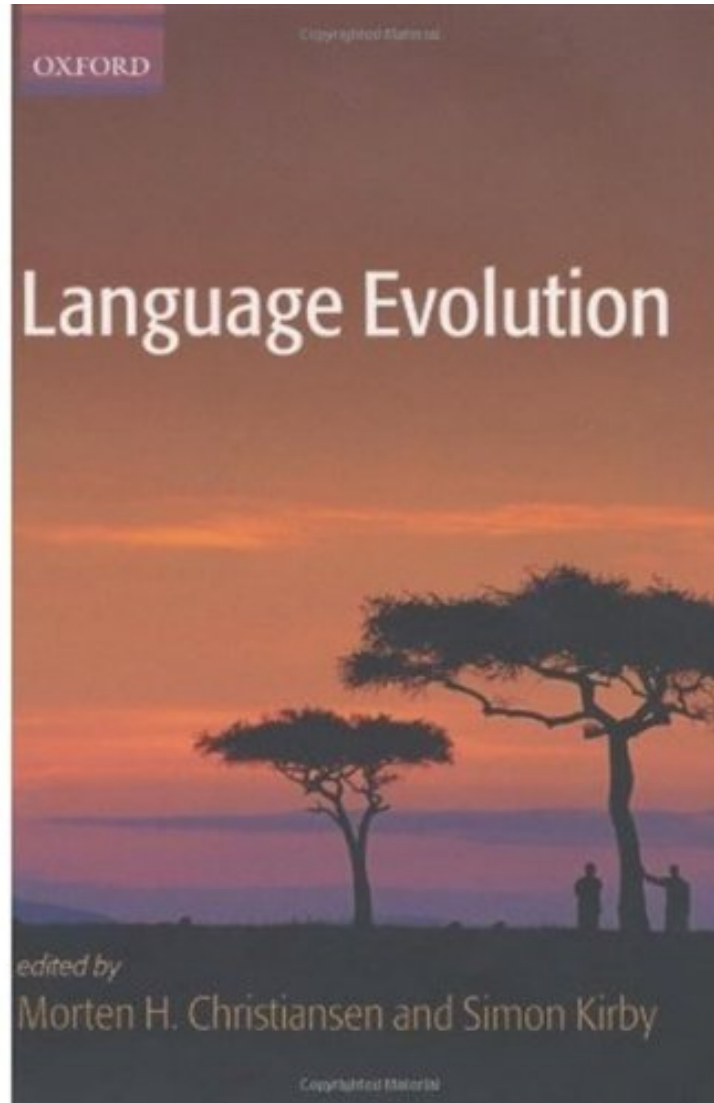


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Von Oxford University Press : Language Evolution (Oxford Studies in the Evolution of Language) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Language Evolution (Oxford Studies in the Evolution of Language):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A very balanced collection by well-known authorsVon Katja F.A very accessible collection of 16 articles written by well-known people, very balanced too. My impression was even that it is too balanced: most contributions have a counterpart which makes an opposite claim. For example, is animal and primate communication relevant for studying

the evolution of human language? Did speech originate from gesture? Is there a universal grammar, hard-wired in the genes and the brain? Is language the result of natural selection? For each of these questions there are articles expressing strong support for a definite yes as well as a definite no. Given that the contributors had read the whole collection before they made final revisions, I wish they would spend some time addressing each other's claims in cases where there is an apparent contradiction. There is also a funny disagreement on term interpretation. For example, take Universal Grammar (UG). Pinker finds that the game-theoretic approach to UG by Nowak and his co-authors provide support for the hypothesis he and Bloom articulated in 1990. At the same time, Bickerton, another generativist, says: "Nowak et al. (2002) illustrates the problems that may arise when a high level of non-linguistic sophistication (in this case, in computer science) mixes with a lower level of linguistic sophistication; linguists (and some biologists too) may boggle at the assertion that 'during primate evolution there was a succession of UGs that finally led to the UGs of human beings'." 3 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Viele Theorien, wenige Resultate Von Nostraticist An dem Buch haben mehrere Autoren mitgearbeitet. Manche Kapitel wie die von Deacon und Arbib waren nicht zu verstehen. Einige Linguisten glauben, dass die Sprache vor etwa 200.000 Jahren entstanden ist, als der Homo sapiens sapiens aus Afrika ausgewandert ist. Das kann aber nicht sein, denn man hat den Kehlkopf von einem Neanderthaler gefunden und ist heute der Meinung, dass auch dieser sprechen konnte, wobei ein Autor der Meinung ist, dass der Neanderthaler lediglich eine Proto-Sprache besa. Andere glauben, dass die Sprache sogar vor fünf Millionen Jahren entstanden ist. Das meiste kannte ich schon. Das wird in anderen Büchern einfacher und besser dargestellt. Manch ein Beitrag war sehr schwierig, weil Wissenschaftler auch aus der Kognitionspsychologie und der Medizin erzählen. Gerade Fachbegriffe aus diesen Bereichen werden aber nicht erklärt, sondern einfach vorausgesetzt, was das Lesen sehr schwierig macht. Der letzte Beitrag handelte sogar über Mathematik. Ich weiß nicht, was Linguistik mit Mathematik zu tun hat. Heute überschneiden sich viele Wissenschaften. Den Bereich Neurolinguistik verstehen nur Mediziner, Computerlinguistik verstehen nur Informatiker. Man müsste sich mit all diesen Wissenschaften auseinandersetzen und hätte dann nur noch am Rande mit Linguistik zu tun. Dann gibt es bald Bücher über Biolinguistik, wobei die Geisteswissenschaft Linguistik dann mit der Naturwissenschaft Biologie zu tun hat. Will man heute auf dem Laufenden bleiben, muss man sich mit mehreren Wissenschaften beschäftigen, was sehr schwierig und anstrengend ist, aber vielleicht gehört das in unserer vernetzten Welt dazu, wenn man sie verstehen will. Was die Sprachrevolution angeht, muss man warten, bis neue und bessere Bücher auf den Markt kommen, die auf einfache und verständliche Weise Zusammenhänge erklären.

Kurzbeschreibung The leading scholars in the rapidly growing field of language evolution give readable accounts of their theories on the origins of language and reflect on the most important current issues and debates. As well as providing a guide to their own published research in this area they highlight what they see as the most relevant research of others. The authors come from a wide range of disciplines involved in language evolution including linguistics, cognitive science, computational science, primatology, and archaeology. **Pressestimmen** In the beginning there was no language. Now there is. Language Evolution describes the passage as a wonderful voyage of discovery. * **Nurturing Potential** * The evolutionary origins of language should intrigue anyone interested in the relationship of humans to other species. For them, Language Evolution will provide a useful starting point. * **Andrew Carstairs-McCarthy, Science** * Language Evolution is a brave attempt at a state-of-the-art survey of language origin research at the beginning of the millennium. * **Andrew Carstairs-McCarthy, Science** * This book offers the current states of the art on the subject of language evolution, covering just about every scientific discipline that has a stake in answering the questions it raises. * **Pragmatics** * Some time since we and the chimpanzees went our separate evolutionary ways, probably towards the very end of that 6 million year period, an innovation occurred whose only precedent was arguably the DNA code itself. Language arose in our ancestors, and there had been nothing like it. Of course other species communicate, many of them vocally, but none of this comes close to the open-ended, generative capacity, the huge vocabulary, the nuanced subtlety, the permanent recordability of language. As an outsider, it is with real fascination that I have read this compendium. One of the merits of any book is its capacity to stimulate the reader to think beyond its confines. This, and other merits are possessed by Language Evolution in abundance. * **Richard Dawkins** **Kurzbeschreibung** The leading scholars in the rapidly growing field of language evolution give readable accounts of their theories on the origins of language and reflect on the most important current issues and debates. As well as providing a guide to their own published research in this area they highlight what they see as the most relevant research of others. The authors come from a wide range of disciplines involved in language evolution including linguistics, cognitive science, computational science, primatology, and archaeology.