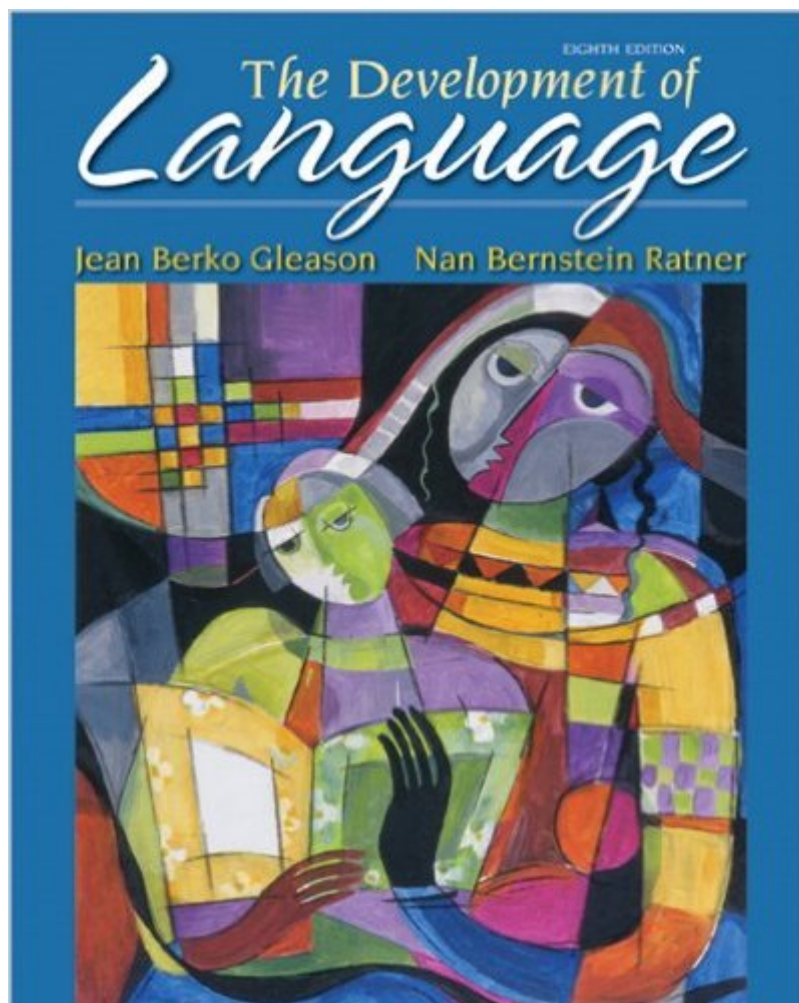


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## Customer Reviews

Jean Berko Gleason is a leader in the fields of psychology and linguistics. This book is a comprehensive introduction to language acquisition. It is easy to follow, yet thorough.

It's interesting how different readers can experience a book in such very different ways. Unlike the reviewer who faults the organization of this text, I found the mix of "voices" in the book to be refreshing. While there is perhaps some overlapping of ideas, ultimately the approach creates

opportunities for discussion and encourages further thinking about the topics addressed. I recommend this for students (or anyone interested in language development) who want a varied approach to the subject as discussed by some of the leading thinkers in the field.

I bought this for a Language Development class. Concepts are fascinating and the case studies are good, but the way it is presented is highly unappealing. I fell asleep every time I tried to start reading the chapters and eventually relied on class notes for the midterms and finals.

This book is very dense with a lot of information, but the material is really interesting. They have a lot of well-educated, high level authors, including authors from Harvard University, and it explains the subject very well.

Gleason's book is great because it offers works from other authors, so that you can gain the perspective of other experts in the field. This book really helped me understand the development of language. The book was particularly useful for me, because I am studying to be a School Psychologist.

I did not enjoy reading this book. It contained a lot information as it pertains to theory but when it came to actual application of language development knowledge, I referred to another book which I had on hand.

I appreciate Gleason's addition of multi-authors (for each chapter), specializing in sub-specialties. I am learning alot!

Extremely boring read. Too heavy on informational content and lacking in easy-reading stories and examples. The combination of paper type and font is extremely harsh on the eye when reading for long period of time.

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