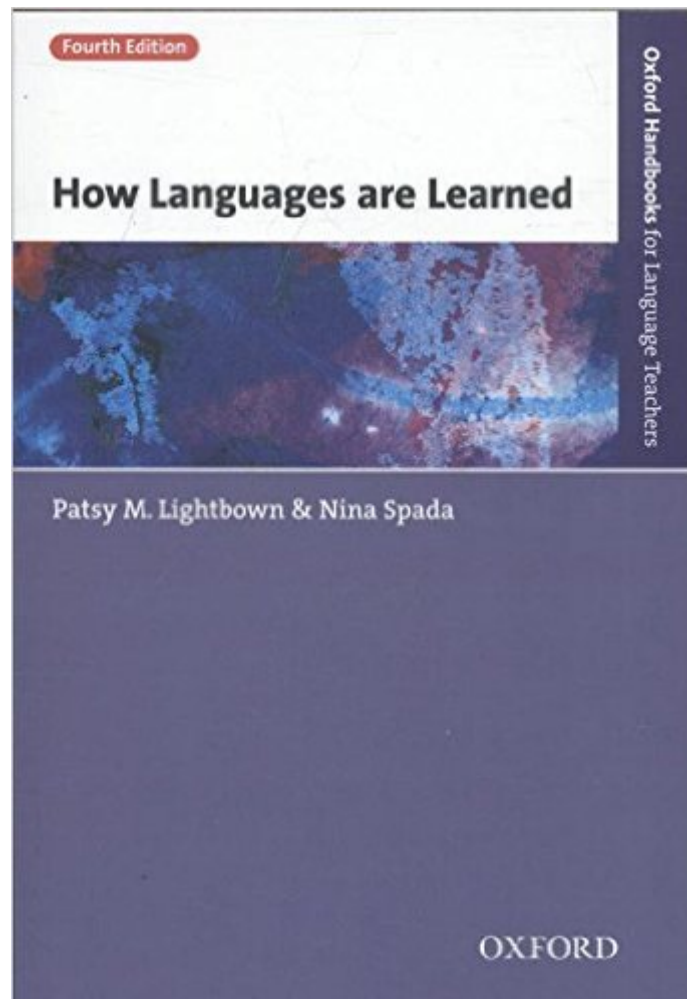


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A thoroughly updated edition of this prize-winning, readable introduction to the main theories of first and second language acquisition. This book introduces you to some of the language acquisition research that will help you not just to evaluate existing materials, but also to adapt and use them in a way that fits what we currently understand about how languages are learned. -Content including new research and new areas in pedagogy to provide an up-to-date and comprehensive overview of research in the field. -Chapter Previews and Summaries with round-up questions. -Companion website with vodcasts, content updates, and shared user content. -Also available as an e-book.

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This is an excellent introduction to the field of SLA, it is relatively short for such a broad field but little space is wasted. The book introduces topics such as the differences between L1 and L2 learning, the effects of individual differences on language learning (including age, personality, motivation, intelligence and identity), second language acquisition theories (including behaviorist, cognitive and social perspectives as well as the usual input vs output debates), and research on the differences between natural and classroom based learning environments as well as the usefulness of grammar instruction. The authors finish the book by looking at what research has to say about certain widely held language learning beliefs such as 'the younger the better' and so on. I found this book both interesting and full of insights from research that can be applied practically as a language learner and teacher. Highly recommended.

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We have heard about a variety of teaching methods and skills that are argued to be the best but whose merits are just speculated, not testified by sound evidence of rigorous research. However, this book presents digestive summaries of research about factors affecting successful language learning, which should be a base for evaluating so many best teaching approaches.

A very comprehensive review of the ways a second language can be taught. I gives prospective language teachers a chance to understand the various ways 2nd languages are taught and the advantages and disadvantages according to the evidence. Excellent resource for institutions who prepare language teachers for their careers.

Good information on language acquisition; clear explanations; easy to follow; great resource for tutors; great as a basis for self-guided refresher for language teachers

Although the book reflects comprehensive research, it is far from a student-friendly text. Its primary flaw is the index, which fails to include the key terms presented throughout the book, and the glossary does little to assist as the key terms are often not included. The authors highlight terms that they do not directly define, nor do they offer a resource (e.g., index or glossary) to assist the reader in clarifying and defining key concepts. The read is typically British, meandering around the topic of focus instead of offering the reader a clear, straightforward explanation. The content is worthy of study, but plan on spending considerable time mulling through the excess verbiage to make sense of it.

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