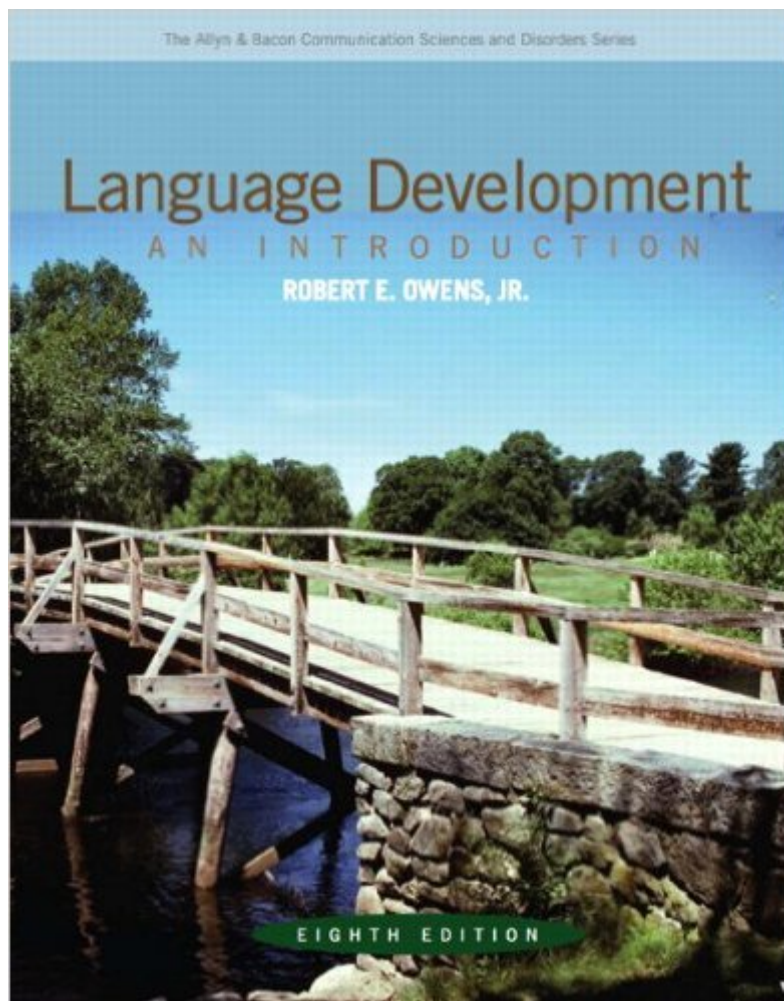


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# Language Development: An Introduction (8th Edition) (Allyn & Bacon Communication Sciences And Disorders)



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This book is packed with an incredible amount of information on language development making it a good resource. However, this incredible detail is confusing for students taking their first course in language development.

I don't have too much to say about this book, but I felt compelled to point out some things that have irked me while reading it. While the book is very detailed and full of relevant information the author has included some blatantly stereotypical and offensive examples when talking about differences in culture. An example is on page 132, the last paragraph on the page: The author refers to the "Asian

style" of communicating as "more reticent and respectful". He does not even provide data for these generalizations! This reminds me of Orientalist thinking. Furthermore if this is the 8th edition, I would expect not to read that Arabic is an Indo-European language (page 96, 5th paragraph down). It is not. Arabic is a Semitic language like Hebrew and Tigrinya.

I had to get this book for a class I was taking, so it's not a book I would buy for fun, but it is informational and has some good visual aids to go along with it. There's a newer version of this book, so if you want the most up to date info, get that one if you can.

I like that the book has good information but, it's TOO MUCH!!!. this definitely doesn't seem like an introduction book and sentences are jumbled up and not clear on the meaning. I had to get this for a class but, I had to re-read the information over and over again because I just couldn't understand what exactly it was trying to say.

The chapters are very long. Its an interesting book but the professor fails to utilize the book properly. Fast delivery just in time for my class. The book was in very good condition. Thanks

Needed this book for my Language Acquisition class and it was perfect. Textbook didn't take long to get sent to my house either.

This book was very easy to understand as I was reading it. I would refer it to anyone who would like to learn about language.

This book was the most confusing text I have ever read. The author jumps back and forth between infant weeks, months, and years which made it really confusing when trying to understand the order of milestones. The author expressed too many opinions and personal experiences. This made it difficult to understand the "typical" development of a child. I have seen other reviews explain that the book is very advanced; perhaps this is true because I am an undergraduate student. I may keep the book in case I need it later on, but overall, there has to be a more understandable book out there.

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