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Chomsky's Universal Grammar introduces both the general concepts of the theory, particularly its goals of describing the knowledge of language and of accounting for how it is acquired, and the main areas of syntax such as X-bar theory, movement and government.

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Manheim Wagner says

A load of bunk, Chomsky made shit up as he went along. Nobody is hardwired with universal grammar. In fact, all humans have the intrinsic need to communicate, which in turn is shaped by their linguistic environment. Simply put, people want to communicate and they will always find a way to do so regardless.

Doubt my point? Go to Thailand and watch a Thai person with the knowledge of only 10 English words get their point across to a Western tourist.

Nick Black says

One ought just read *Logical Structure of Linguistic Theory* (my copy of which I cannot, for the life of me, find). I traded Vegan John a copy of *Haskell: The Craft of Functional Programming* (since replaced) for this, and came out the worse in the bargain.

Ryan says

First of all: I'm totally surprised that this book is here.

Second of all: I was actually pretty surprised at how easy it was to read this book. Sure, it's dry but the author did her best to make it as lively as possible.

I had the first edition so it was a little dated (just the briefest of touching on Minimalism) but I found it to be a solid foundation to Comskyan syntax.

Ned Quevedo says

It is a very important book to know about Chomsky's theory on Universal Grammar. Everybody will enjoy this book.

Michael says

I read the first edition. Great book, easy to understand. Very much to the point. So far the best book I've read about Government and Binding.
