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Review

First, it is one of the rarest applied linguistic textbooks to address corpus linguistics. Second, it is one of the few that addresses comprehensively all the themes needed in an introductory course of applied linguistics. Third, it takes a descriptive approach; which, in applied linguistics, is needed more than the prescriptive approach. Fourth, it addresses the four language skills and language assessment. Fifth, the organization of the book by sections, chapters, and parts of chapters makes the book so easy to read and understand. Finally, and more significantly, each chapter was written by two or three experts in their topic. This gives the book an authoritative value, and the reader, thus, gets the view of 31 experts all packed in one book. It is rare to have this large number of experts contribute in writing one textbook. Indeed, the publication of this book must have been an important dedication of these experts to provide a tool long needed in the field.

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At present, there is no other book that could replace this book. Every teacher and student of applied linguistics should own a copy of this book. All language teachers should read this book in order to learn more of how language is learned and used daily, and to be more efficient in their teaching profession.

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I recommend this book as a good start to basic applied linguistics. This book offers a wide array of linguistic topics pertinent to language use and language pedagogy.

Jyh Wee Sew, NZSAL

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