

The Origins Of Grammar An Anthropological Perspective Martin Edwardes

The fourth edition of *The Origins and Development of the English Language* continues to focus on the internal history of English -- its sounds, grammar, and vocabulary. In organization, the vocabulary is still treated most intensely in the final three chapter of the book. By studying the history of English, one can better understand the irregularities of modern English as well as finding more about ourselves.

The bestselling workbook and

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grammar guide, revised and updated!
Hailed as one of the best books
around for teaching grammar, The
Blue Book of Grammar and
Punctuation includes easy-to-
understand rules, abundant examples,
dozens of reproducible quizzes, and
pre- and post-tests to help teach
grammar to middle and high
schoolers, college students, ESL
students, homeschoolers, and more.
This concise, entertaining workbook
makes learning English grammar and
usage simple and fun. This updated
12th edition reflects the latest updates
to English usage and grammar, and
includes answers to all reproducible
quizzes to facilitate self-assessment
and learning. Clear and concise, with
easy-to-follow explanations, offering
"just the facts" on English grammar,
punctuation, and usage Fully updated

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to reflect the latest rules, along with even more quizzes and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar Ideal for students from seventh grade through adulthood in the US and abroad For anyone who wants to understand the major rules and subtle guidelines of English grammar and usage, The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation offers comprehensive, straightforward instruction.

From the ancient Mediterranean world to the present day, our conceptions of what is universal in language have interacted with our experiences of language learning. This book tells two stories: the story of how scholars in the west have conceived of the fact that human languages share important properties despite their obvious differences, and the story of how westerners have understood the

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nature of second or foreign language learning. In narrating these two stories, the author argues that modern second language acquisition theory needs to reassess what counts as its own past. The book addresses Greek contributions to the prehistory of universal grammar, Roman bilingualism, the emergence of the first foreign language grammars in the early Middle Ages, and the Medieval speculative grammarians efforts to define the essentials of human language. The author shows how after the renaissance expanded people's awareness of language differences, scholars returned to the questions of universals in the context of second language learning, including in the 1660 Port-Royal grammar which Chomsky notoriously celebrated in Cartesian Linguistics. The book then

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looks at how Post-Saussurean European linguistics and American structuralism up to modern generative grammar have each differently conceived of universals and language learning. Universal Grammar in Second Language Acquisition is a remarkable contribution to the history of linguistics and will be essential reading for students and scholars of linguistics, specialists in second language acquisition and language teacher-educators.

How and why did grammatical gender, found in Old English and in other Germanic languages, gradually disappear from English and get replaced by a system where the gender of nouns and the use of personal pronouns depend on the natural gender of the referent? How is this shift related to 'irregular

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agreement' (such as she for ships) and 'sexist' language use (such as generic he) in Modern English, and how is the language continuing to evolve in these respects? Anne Curzan's accessibly written and carefully researched study is based on extensive corpus data, and will make a major contribution by providing a historical perspective on these often controversial questions. It will be of interest to researchers and students in history of English, historical linguistics, corpus linguistics, language and gender, and medieval studies.

Part Four of the Proceedings of the
Fifth International Congress of Logic,
Methodology and Philosophy of
Science, London, Ontario,
Canada-1975

Pidgin Grammar

Our Magnificent Bastard Tongue

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The History of Linguistics in Europe
The Oxford Handbook of Universal
Grammar

□ Theœ Origins of Traditional Grammar

The formal sciences, particularly mathematics, have had a profound influence on the development of linguistics. This insightful overview looks at techniques that were introduced in the fields of mathematics, logic and philosophy during the twentieth century, and explores their effect on the work of various linguists. In particular, it discusses the 'foundations crisis' that destabilised mathematics at the start of the twentieth century, the numerous related movements which sought to respond to this crisis, and how they influenced the

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development of syntactic theory in the 1950s. The book concludes by discussing the resulting major consequences for syntactic theory, and provides a detailed reassessment of Chomsky's early work at the advent of Generative Grammar. Informative and revealing, this book will be invaluable to all those working in formal linguistics, in particular those interested in its history and development.

The English language is a battlefield. Since the age of Shakespeare, arguments over correct usage have been bitter, and have always really been about contesting values—morality, politics, and class. *The Language Wars* examines the present state of the conflict, its

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history, and its future. Above all, it uses the past as a way of illuminating the present. Moving chronologically, the book explores the most persistent issues to do with English and unpacks the history of "proper" usage. Where did these ideas spring from? Who has been on the front lines in the language wars? *The Language Wars* examines grammar rules, regional accents, swearing, spelling, dictionaries, political correctness, and the role of electronic media in reshaping language. It also takes a look at such details as the split infinitive, elocution, and text messaging. Peopled with intriguing characters such as Jonathan Swift, Lewis Carroll, and Lenny Bruce, *The*

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Language Wars is an essential volume for anyone interested in the state of the English language today or its future.

Table of contents

This handbook provides a critical guide to the most central proposition in modern linguistics: the notion, generally known as Universal Grammar, that a universal set of structural principles underlies the grammatical diversity of the world's languages. Part I considers the implications of Universal Grammar for philosophy of mind and the philosophy of language, and examines the history of the theory. Part II focuses on linguistic theory, looking at topics such as explanatory adequacy and how phonology and

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semantics fit into Universal Grammar. Parts III and IV look respectively at the insights derived from UG-inspired research on language acquisition, and at comparative syntax and language typology, while part V considers the evidence for Universal Grammar in phenomena such as creoles, language pathology, and sign language. The book will be a vital reference for linguists, philosophers, and cognitive scientists.

A History

On the History of Grammar Among
the Arabs

An Introduction to the Creole English
of Hawai'i

An Anthropological Perspective

The History of Modern Chinese

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Grammar Studies

On the History of Grammar among
the Arabs

How do children achieve adult grammatical competence? How do they induce syntactical rules from the bewildering linguistic input that surrounds them? The major debates in language acquisition theory today focus not on whether there are some sensitivities to syntactic information but rather which sensitivities are available to children and how they might be translated into the organizing principles that get syntactic learning off the ground. The Origins of Grammar presents a synthesis of work done by the authors, who have pioneered one of the most important methodological advances in language learning in the past decade: the intermodal preferential looking paradigm, which can be used to

assess lexical and syntactic knowledge in children as young as 13 months. In addition to drawing together their groundbreaking empirical work, the authors use these results to describe a theory of language learning that emphasizes the role of multiple cues and forces in development. They show how infants shift their reliance on different aspects of the linguistic input, moving from a bias to attend to prosodic information to a reliance on semantic information, and finally to a reliance on the syntax itself. Viewing language acquisition as the product of a biased learner who takes advantage of the information available from a variety of sources in his or her environment, The Origins of Grammar provides a new way of thinking about the process of language comprehension. The analysis borrows insights from theories about

the development of mental models, models of early cognitive development and systems theory, and is presented in a way that will be accessible to cognitive and developmental psychologists.

A group of nouns set out on a quest to free adjectives, adverbs, and other parts of speech from the evil Lord of Silence. Quintessential work on the nature and origins of language grammar, and its role in language and our own evolution as humans.

This book discusses the way Chinese scholars developed a national grammar. Chinese didn't develop grammar until China's contact with Western grammar books in the 19th Century. The first indigenous grammar was published in 1889. It included some traditional notions, but mainly imitated European grammar. It was followed by a number of other similar works. To move away

from this imitation, a group of grammarians started to look into the Chinese tradition of commenting on classics. This led to a variety of alternative grammars. After the war, Western linguistics started to gain influence in China. With the establishment of the PRC in 1949, efforts began to have a standard grammar adopted nationwide. The first attempt at such a grammar was published in 1956. This book spans the period 1898 – 1956. This book combines historiography and linguistics to distinguish different periods in the timespan covered. It shows how the development of a national grammar cannot be studied separately from language policies and discussions on the national language. The description of each period includes a general introduction of the relevant events in

that period and a treatment of the
major works of grammar.

**The Blue Book of Grammar and
Punctuation**

The Printer's Grammar

**Containing a Concise History of the
Origin of Printing : Also, an
Examination of the Superficies,
Gradation, and Properties of the
Different Sizes of Types Cast by Letter
Founders; Various Tables of
Calculations; Models of Letter Cases;
Schemes for Casting Off Copy, and
Imposing ... : with Directions to
Authors, Compilers, &c. how to
Prepare Copy, and to Correct Their
Own Proofs**

A Resource Book for Students

Language in the Light of Evolution

An Epic Fantasy

Taking a broadly

chronological approach, this volume of original essays traces the origins of the concept of 'grammar'. In doing so, it charts the social, moral and cultural factors that have shaped the development of grammar from Antiquity, via the Middle Ages, Renaissance and Modern Europe, to current education systems and language learning pedagogy. The chapters examine key turning points in the history of language teaching epistemology, focusing on grammar for 'foreign' language teaching

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"In this engagingly written and broadly interdisciplinary book, Jim Hurford integrates findings from ethology and neuroscience with concepts from philosophy and linguistics to make an explicit and convincing case that animals have rich concepts, and thus that meaning predated language. This is a work of broad scope and significance." W.

Tecumesh Fitch, Lecturer in Psychology, University of St. Andrews, from the bookjacket.

This book is an alphabetical guide to one hundred basic

grammatical terms, with
explanations, examples and
exercises.

The Origins of
Grammar Evidence from
Early Language

Comprehension MIT Press
Syntactic Structures

The Vocabulary of Modern
French

With an Introduction
Historical and Critical ... and
a Key to the Oral Exercises

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The Origins and
Development of the English
Language

Universal Grammar in

Second-Language Acquisition

Do you cringe when a talking head pronounces “niche” as NITCH? Do you get bent out of shape when your teenager begins a sentence with “and”? Do you think British spellings are more “civilised” than the American versions? If you answered yes to any of those questions, you’re myth-informed. In *Origins of the Specious*, word mavens Patricia T. O’Conner and Stewart Kellerman reveal why some of grammar’s best-known “rules” aren’t—and never were—rules at all. This playfully witty, rigorously researched book sets the record straight about bogus word origins, politically correct fictions, phony

français, fake acronyms, and more. Here are some shockers: “They” was once commonly used for both singular and plural, much the way “you” is today. And an eighteenth-century female grammarian, of all people, is largely responsible for the all-purpose “he.” From the Queen’s English to street slang, this eye-opening romp will be the toast of grammarphiles and the salvation of grammarphobes. Take our word for it.

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to assess lexical and syntactic knowledge in children as young as thirteen months of age. In addition to drawing together their groundbreaking empirical work, the authors use these results to describe a theory of language learning that emphasizes the role of multiple cues and forces in development. They show how infants shift their reliance on different aspects of linguistic input, moving from a bias to attend to prosodic information to a reliance on semantic information, and finally to a reliance on the syntax itself. The Fifth International Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science was held at the University of Western Ontario, London, Canada, 27 August to 2 September

1975. The Congress was held under the auspices of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science, Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science, and was sponsored by the National Research Council of Canada and the University of Western Ontario. As those associated closely with the work of the Division over the years know well, the work undertaken by its members varies greatly and spans a number of fields not always obviously related. In addition, the volume of work done by first rate scholars and scientists in the various fields of the Division has risen enormously. For these and related reasons it seemed to the editors

chosen by the Divisional officers that the usual format of publishing the proceedings of the Congress be abandoned in favour of a somewhat more flexible, and hopefully acceptable, method of presentation. Accordingly, the work of the invited participants to the Congress has been divided into four volumes appearing in the University of Western Ontario Series in Philosophy of Science. The volumes are entitled, Logic, Foundations of Mathematics and Computability Theory, Foundational Problems in the Special Sciences, Basic Problems in Methodology and Linguistics, and Historical and Philosophical Dimensions of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science.

This book offers an accessible overview of what is known about the evolution of the human capacity for language and what sets human language apart from the simple communication systems used by non-human animals. It draws on a wide range of disciplines, including philosophy, neuroscience, genetics, and animal behaviour.

**The Civil Service English Grammar:
Being Notes on the History and
Grammar of the English Language,
Etc**

**Myths and Misconceptions of the
English Language**

**To which are Added the Constitution
of the United States, with Questions
and Explanations, the Declaration of
Independence, and Washington's**

Farewell Address

**The History of Grammar in Foreign
Language Teaching**

Linguistics and the Formal Sciences

The Untold History of English

*Devoted to a serious description of
Pidgin origins and grammar, this work
on Pidgin grammar does not require
knowledge of linguistics. This
reference is useful for anyone
wanting to know more about this
unique language of the Hawaiian
Islands.*

*A survey of the quirks and quandaries
of the English language, focusing on
our strange and wonderful grammar
Why do we say "I am reading a
catalog" instead of "I read a
catalog"? Why do we say "do" at all?
Is the way we speak a reflection of
our cultural values? Delving into*

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these provocative topics and more, Our Magnificent Bastard Language distills hundreds of years of fascinating lore into one lively history. Covering such turning points as the little-known Celtic and Welsh influences on English, the impact of the Viking raids and the Norman Conquest, and the Germanic invasions that started it all during the fifth century ad, John McWhorter narrates this colorful evolution with vigor. Drawing on revolutionary genetic and linguistic research as well as a cache of remarkable trivia about the origins of English words and syntax patterns, Our Magnificent Bastard Tongue ultimately demonstrates the arbitrary, maddening nature of English— and its ironic simplicity due to its role as a streamlined lingua franca during the

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early formation of Britain. This is the book that language aficionados worldwide have been waiting for (and no, it's not a sin to end a sentence with a preposition).

The second in James Hurford's acclaimed two-volume exploration of the biological evolution of language explores the evolutionary and cultural preconditions and consequences of humanity's great leap into language. The question of how language emerged is one of the most fascinating and difficult problems in science. In recent years, a strong resurgence of interest in the emergence of language from an evolutionary perspective has been helped by the convergence of approaches, methods, and ideas from several disciplines. The selection of contributions in this volume highlight

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scenarios of language origin and the prerequisites for a faculty of language based on biological, historical, social, cultural, and paleontological forays into the conditions that brought forth and favored language emergence, augmented by insights from sister disciplines. The chapters all reflect new speculation, discoveries and more refined research methods leading to a more focused understanding of the range of possibilities and how we might choose among them. There is much that we do not yet know, but the outlines of the path ahead are ever clearer.

Generative Grammar

A Grammar School History of the United States

The Origins of Grammar

The Origins of Meaning

Origins of Language

May I Quote You on That?

With 100+ full-page illustrations, The Illustrated Histories of Everyday Expressions introduces readers to the fascinating, humorous, and often unbelievable origin stories behind the English language's most common sayings! Why do we bring home the bacon, instead of some other salty meat? Whose beans are we spilling, exactly? Why was that cat in the bag to begin with? Every day, English speaking people turn phrase after phrase,

idiom after idiom, with no actual idea what they are saying! Sure, the meaning of these expressions has long been established, but rarely do we stop to think about where they come from. The Illustrated Histories of Everyday Expressions will profile 64 of the greatest idiom origin stories through simple text and captivating illustration. No longer will you wonder why getting a goat is so frustrating, or why hatters are so mad (and no, that one doesn't come from Alice in Wonderland)! With The Illustrated Histories of

Everyday Expressions,
everyday phrases come to
life! Inside this charming
little hardcover volume, the
illustrated idioms will be
arranged chronologically,
with the oldest expressions
appearing first, working all
the way up to the present
day. Each entry will provide
the saying's definition and
origin story, laid out
cohesively within a funny
and captivating illustration
of the strange and wonderful
long-forgotten story. Whalen
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unique formats, and fresh
content to create truly
innovative gift books. We
bring together a talented
team of writers, designers,
illustrators, and artists in
order to develop strong
editorial content that brings
a book to life!**

**Generative Grammar
presents a substantial
contribution to the field of
linguistics in drawing
together for the first time
the author's most significant
work on the theory of
generative grammar. The
essays collected here display**

Freidin's role in moving the theory forward in terms of new proposals, and analyse the efforts to understand the evolution and history of the theory by careful investigation of how and why it has changed over the years.

The Vocabulary of Modern French provides a fresh insight into contemporary French. With this book, Hilary Wise offers the first comprehensive overview of the modern French vocabulary: its historical sources, formal organisation and social and stylistic

functions. Topics covered include: * external influences on the language * word formation * semantic change * style and register
In addition, the author looks at the relationship between social and lexical change and examines attempts at intervention in the development of the language. Each chapter is concluded by notes for further reading, and by suggestions for project work which are designed to increase awareness of specific lexical phenomena and enable the student-

reader to use lexicographic databases of all kinds. The Vocabulary of Modern French is an accessible and fascinating study of the relationship between a nation and its language, as well as providing a key text for all students of modern French.

This is the second of the two closely linked but self-contained volumes that comprise James Hurford's acclaimed exploration of the biological evolution of language. In the first book he looked at the evolutionary origins of meaning, ending

as our distant ancestors were about to step over the brink to modern language. He now considers how that step might have been taken and the consequences it undoubtedly had. The capacity for language lets human beings formulate and express an unlimited range of propositions about real or fictitious worlds. It allows them to communicate these propositions, often overlaid with layers of nuance and irony, to other humans who can then interpret and respond to them. These processes take place at

breakneck speed. Using a language means learning a vast number of arbitrary connections between forms and meanings and rules on how to manipulate them, both of which a normal human child can do in its first few years of life. James Hurford looks at how this miracle came about. The book is divided into three parts. In the first the author surveys the syntactic structures evident in the communicative behaviour of animals, such as birds and whales, and discusses how vocabularies of learned

symbols could have evolved and the effects this had on human thought. In the second he considers how far the evolution of grammar depended on biological or cultural factors. In the third and final part he describes the probable route by which the human language faculty and languages evolved from simple beginnings to their present complex state.

An Essay in Literary History

The Language Wars

Language in the Light of

Evolution II

Grammar

The Origins of Generative

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Grammar

Historical and Philosophical Dimensions of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science

In addition, the series will include re-
editions or entirely new translations
into English of 'classic' accounts in
the field which have been out of
print for many years and have
become rare books even in larger
university libraries. Each of these
new editions will be prefaced by an
introductory essay by a present-day
specialist in the discipline who will
place the book in its original
historical context and analyze its
significance in the light of
contemporary work in the history of
linguistic thought

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"A guide to English grammar and usage for the twenty-first century, pairing grammar rules with interesting and humorous quotations from American popular culture"--

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Origins of the Specious
An Easy-to-Use Guide with Clear
Rules, Real-World Examples, and

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Reproducible Quizzes

Theory and Its History

History of English

A Student's Guide

Discover the True Stories Behind
the English Language's 64 Most
Popular Idioms

This essay was written in 1878
by I. Goldziher, who is
considered one of the founders
and greatest masters of Islamic
studies in Europe. He examines
the origin and early history of
Arabic grammar and some
features of its later development
with special regard to the cultural
historical aspects of the
question. Goldziher draws a
picture of the most important

trends and attitudes in the Arabic linguistics of the Middle Ages.

The author's comprehensive historical approach enables him to integrate small, seemingly unconnected pieces into a whole system, fitting into our knowledge of other fields of Islamic culture and science. That is why his work may interest not only specialists of Arab linguistics but also historians of general linguistics and historians of Islam. Although a century and a quarter elapsed since its publication in Hungarian Goldziher's essay still has not become outdated, since no similar work has been published.

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The original text has been supplemented with amendments and explanations, a comprehensive and updated bibliography has also been added, together with an appendix (the original texts of the citations) and two indices.

Routledge English Language Introductions cover core areas of language study and are one-stop resources for students.

Assuming no prior knowledge, books in the series offer an accessible overview of the subject, with activities, study questions, sample analyses, commentaries and key readings – all in the same volume. The

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innovative and flexible ‘two-dimensional’ structure is built around four sections – introduction, development, exploration and extension – which offer self-contained stages for study. Each topic can also be read across these sections, enabling the reader to build gradually on the knowledge gained. This revised second edition of History of English includes: a comprehensive introduction to the history of English covering the origins of English, the change from Old to Middle English, and the influence of other languages on English; increased coverage of key

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issues, such as the
standardisation of English; a
wider range of activities, plus
answers to exercises; new
readings of well-known authors
such as Manfred Krug, Colette
Moore, Merja Stenroos and
David Crystal; a timeline of
important external events in the
history of English. Structured to
reflect the chronological
development of the English
language, History of English
describes and explains the
changes in the language over a
span of 1,500 years, covering all
aspects from phonology and
grammar, to register and
discourse. In doing so, it

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incorporates examples from a wide variety of texts and provides an interactive and structured textbook that will be essential reading for all students of English language and linguistics.

From Plato to 1600

The Secret History of Grammar
Origins, Structure and Function

A History of Proper English

A Guide to Grammar and Usage

New Perspectives on the Origins
of Language