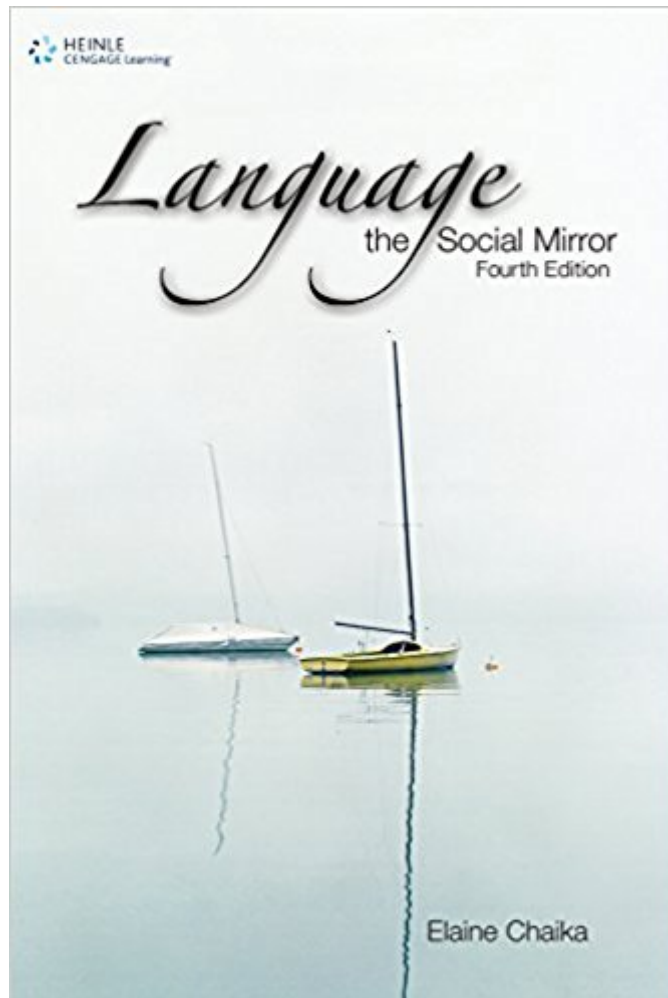




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As a person who is fascinated by language and the nuances related to our communications - Dr. Chaika's book is a must-read. Her chapters on bilingualism are particularly relevant to today's debate on bilingual education and immigration. She makes an excellent argument as to why we do need a common language to unify our country while stressing the idea that diversity is indeed not only desirable but necessary. One of my favorite aspects of her book are the exercises that she provides at the end of each chapter. As a former teacher, I can absolutely see this text being utilized in any college setting with lots of exciting possibilities.

Contains a lot of interesting stuff, but packs too much in with too little supportive detail. Most of it is sociolinguistic info I've read elsewhere, but here it is all in one place. Found it hard to read because the chapters cover so much and are not broken up in a way that makes it easy to scan for information.

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