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Updated and revised in its third edition, this successful textbook introduces readers to a wide range of cross-linguistic issues, phenomena, and terminology in Japanese linguistics. Its coverage spans phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, language acquisition, and language variation, and now draws on the author's extensive expertise by incorporating her own data, examples and theoretical analyses throughout.

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### About the Author

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