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Linguistic Anthropology: A Reader is a comprehensive collection of the best work that has been published in this exciting and growing area of anthropology, and is organized to provide a guide to key issues in the study of language as a cultural resource and speaking as a cultural practice.

Revised and updated, this second edition contains eight new articles on key subjects, including speech communities, the power and performance of language, and narratives

Selections are both historically oriented and thematically coherent, and are accessibly grouped according to four major themes: speech community and communicative competence; the performance of language; language socialization and literacy practices; and the power of language

An extensive introduction provides an original perspective on the development of the field and highlights its most compelling issues

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