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Abstract

In this ambitious and wide-ranging book, Andrew Goatly looks to communicate meaning. Combining insights from functional relevance theory, he provides a powerful model for understanding work in real communicative situations, how we use them to communicate and how we process them.

Drawing on substantial linguistic corpora including literary works by TS Eliot, Ezra Pound, George Eliot and AS Byatt, articles from newspapers and extracts from popular and advertising culture, this book:

- examines the distinction between literal and metaphorical language
- surveys the means by which metaphors are expressed in language

- locates the interpretation of metaphor in its social context
- contains tasks and suggestions for further work

The second edition has been revised to include relevant examples and new lexical data. It discusses recent developments in metaphor studies such as Lynne Cameron, Jonathan Charteris-Black, Alice Deignan, Veronika Koller, Zoltan Kovecses, Andreas Musolff and Elena Semino.

The Language of Metaphors provides the ideal introduction to the subject for students and researchers with an interest in communication, linguistics and psychology.

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