This book provides a thorough introduction to African languages and linguistics, covering typology, structure and sociolinguistics. The twelve chapters are written by a team of eminent Africanists, and the topics presented include the four major language groupings (Niger-Congo, Nilo-Saharan, Afroasiatic and Khoisan), the core areas of modern theoretical linguistics (phonology, morphology, syntax), typology, sociolinguistics, comparative linguistics, and language, history and society. Basic concepts and terminology are explained for undergraduates and non-specialist readers, but each chapter also provides an overview of the state of the art in its field, and as such will also be referred to by more advanced students and general linguists. This is the first book to bring this range of material together in accessible form for anyone wishing to learn more about this challenging and fascinating field.


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