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In recent years, the study of formal semantics and formal pragmatics has grown tremendously showing that core aspects of language meaning can be explained by a few principles. These principles are grounded in the logic that is behind – and tightly intertwined with – the grammar of human language. In this book, some of the most prominent figures in linguistics, including Noam Chomsky and Barbara H. Partee, offer new insights into the nature of linguistic meaning and pave the way for the further development of formal semantics and formal pragmatics. Each chapter investigates various dimensions in which the logical nature of human language manifests itself *within* a language and/or *across* languages. Phenomena like bare plurals, free choice items, scalar implicatures, intervention effects, and logical operators are investigated in depth and at times cross-linguistically and/or experimentally. This volume will be of interest to scholars working within the fields of semantics, pragmatics, language acquisition, and psycholinguistics.

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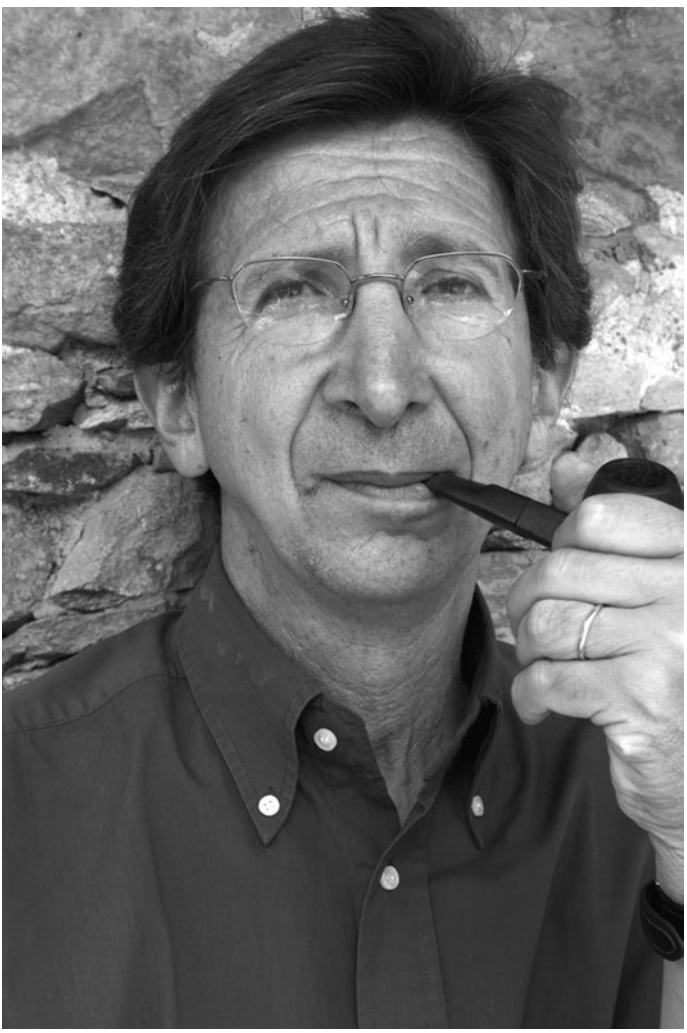

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1	first person
2	second person
3	third person
ACC	accusative
ASP	aspect
CL	clitic
CONN	connective
DECL	declarative
IMP	imperative
MASC	masculine
NEG	negative
NOM	nominative
PAST	past tense
PL	plural
PROG	progressive
REFL	reflexive
SG	singular
SUBJ	subjunctive
TOP	topic

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