

***Canadian Journal of Linguistics* Book Review Guidelines**

We generally we solicit reviews. Should you, however, be interested in proposing a review to us, please thoroughly read the instructions for book reviews below and indicate to us which book you would like to review, along with a brief description of your relevant expertise. Contact Máire Noonan, our book review editor (edassist@cla-acl.ca) with this information.

The following guidelines must be adhered to in the preparation of book reviews for the *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*. Authors who have any questions regarding the content or format of a book review should [contact](#) the Book Review Editor. The Book Review Editor will guide the author through the process and indicate where revisions may be advised or necessary.

Failure to comply with the guidelines may result in the rejection of a book review. If a book review is rejected, or if a book review author becomes unable to complete a review, the book in question must be returned to the Book Review Editor within one month, with postage to be paid by the book review author.

Content/Format

The *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* aims to publish critical analyses of books published in the last two years in order to promote these books, and their contribution to the field, to the linguistic community. To accomplish this goal, we expect that each review will go beyond a summary of the content of the book and will focus on one of the areas described in the following two paragraphs. (Alternate foci may be permitted upon discussion with the Book Review Editor.) That said, each review should begin with an overall analysis of the book, including a brief summary of its contents.

One option for the focus of a book review is to include an analysis of the importance or ramifications of a certain claim or claims put forward in the book under review. This may involve an analysis of the implication(s) of the author(s)' proposal for a dataset not considered in the book. Alternatively, it may discuss the implication(s) of the author(s)' proposal(s) for the theory within which their analysis is situated. This analysis should be presented in a way that highlights the relevance of the author(s)' analysis for linguists working on the topic (or in areas adjacent to the topic) covered in the book.

A second option is for the review to include a critique of certain claims/analyses in the book. This critique must be as detailed as possible within the scope of a short book review. Examples, either considered or not considered in the book under review, must be furnished where relevant. This critique may be based on linguistic data that pose a challenge for the author(s), on unwanted implications for the theory within which the author(s)' analysis is situated, or on the advantages of examining the data presented by the author(s) through the lens of a competing theory.

In the closing paragraph, the author should provide conclusions regarding the book's contribution to the field and indicate the type of audience that would be interested in the book under review.

The review must begin with the full reference of the book, followed by the name of the author of the review, with affiliation or place of residence, as in the following example.

Charles Boberg. 2010. *The English language in Canada: Status, history and comparative analysis*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pp. 272. \$118.95 (softcover).

Reviewer name. Affiliation.

Within the body of the review, titles of chapters mentioned must be included between quotation marks, as follows:

In chapter 1, “English in the Canadian context”, the author claims...

Also, references to pages in the body of the review must be placed between parentheses and include “p.” or “pp.”:

(p. 6) or (pp. 34–36)

For other in-text references, follow the style guidelines of the [CJL Style Guide](#). At the end of the review, there should be a properly formatted list of references for all works cited other than the book under review.

The review should contain neither footnotes nor endnotes, and should be 1000–1500 words in length.

Logistics

The author will receive an e-mail invitation to submit their review via the *CJL*'s online submission and review system. Reviews should be submitted in .pdf format.

The review should be submitted **within three months** of the date the book is received by the book review author.

The language of book reviews for the *CJL* is either English or French. Authors who are non-native speakers of the language in which they are writing, and who are not at a (near-) native proficiency in that language, are advised to have the manuscript carefully vetted by a native speaker of the language before submitting it. Information about English-language resources can be found [here](#). Submissions with too many linguistic errors will be returned immediately for revision, or may be rejected outright.

The book under review becomes the property of the reviewer once the review has been submitted and accepted.

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