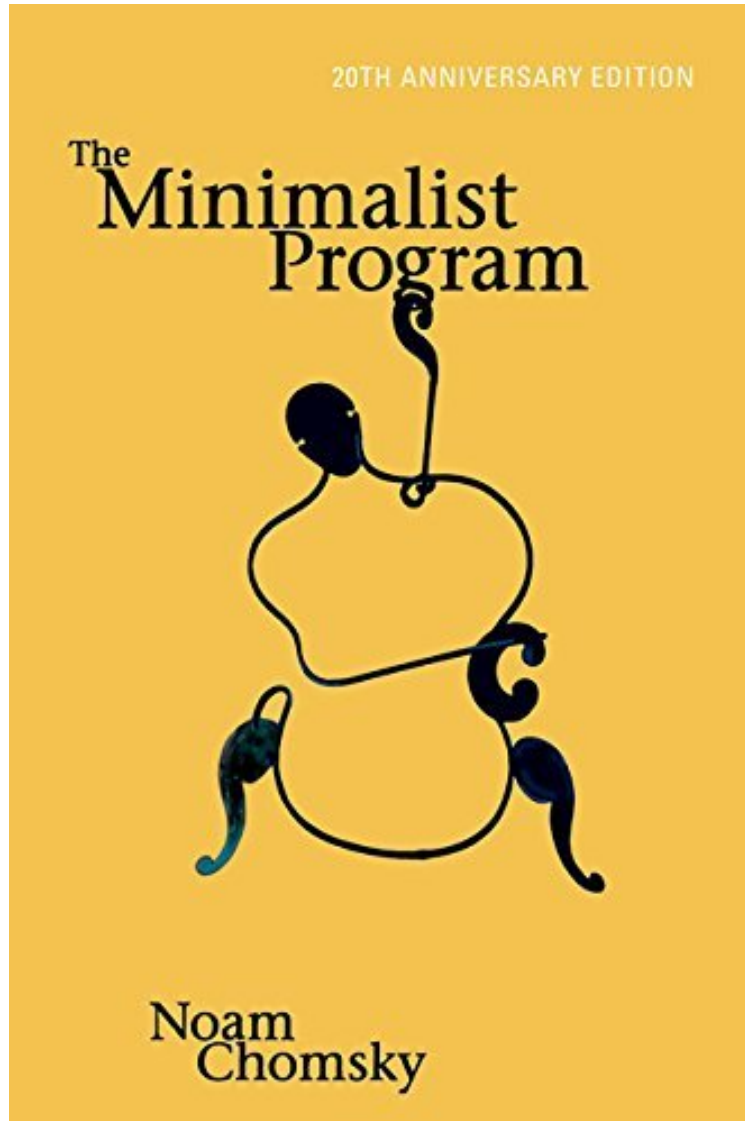


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen18 von 20 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. not for the non-specialist, but very importantVon Ein KundeLike Chomsky's 1981 "Lectures on Government and Binding", this is a book that summarizes and synthesizes an entire research program as much as it breaks new ground. The first chapter, in fact, is itself an excellent textbook on developments in the field of syntax since Chomsky 1981

and before the Minimalist Program developed in this book. But most readers will purchase this book for the last chapter, popularly known in the field simply by the nickname "Chapter 4". This chapter, basically a book in and of itself, sketches an entire architecture for natural-language syntax, and sketches at great length all sorts of connections and consequences in other research domains. That said, this is not a book for the unprepared. Even those very familiar with the field find Chapter 4 inordinately difficult and, at times, obscure. Fortunately, there are textbooks and papers that can provide the necessary background for this work. 8 von 30 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Unreadable Von Dr. Margret Popp It is well known that the Chomskyans don't listen to criticism, however well taken. The result is the 1995 Chomsky essays, in which relatively well known and primitive problems of English syntax are clothed in practically unreadable technical language, to lead to highly artificial pretentious solutions which are as counterintuitive as you please. Not as if simpler solutions weren't possible. In the meanwhile, the entire ivory tower of MIT linguistics has become an impregnable fortress of sectarians who will only deal with the problem of the most perfect formal presentations of well known linguistic problems in their own narrow theoretical framework, regardless of new research in the facts of language, as discovered daily by the language statisticians and the sociolinguists for example. One cannot enter the fortress because they have made it inaccessible. But it is not uncomfortable to have the fortress in one's back, because nobody will come out either, to meet criticism or to face new empirical evidence about language.

Kurzbeschreibung In his foundational book, *The Minimalist Program*, published in 1995, Noam Chomsky offered a significant contribution to the generative tradition in linguistics. This twentieth-anniversary edition reissues this classic work with a new preface by the author. In four essays, Chomsky attempts to situate linguistic theory in the broader cognitive sciences, with the essays formulating and progressively developing the minimalist approach to linguistic theory. Building on the theory of principles and parameters and, in particular, on principles of economy of derivation and representation, the minimalist framework takes Universal Grammar as providing a unique computational system, with derivations driven by morphological properties, to which the syntactic variation of languages is also restricted. Within this theoretical framework, linguistic expressions are generated by optimally efficient derivations that must satisfy the conditions that hold on interface levels, the only levels of linguistic representation. The interface levels provide instructions to two types of performance systems, articulatory-perceptual and conceptual-intentional. All syntactic conditions, then, express properties of these interface levels, reflecting the interpretive requirements of language and keeping to very restricted conceptual resources. In the preface to this edition, Chomsky emphasizes that the minimalist approach developed in the book and in subsequent work "is a program, not a theory." With this book, Chomsky built on pursuits from the earliest days of generative grammar to formulate a new research program that had far-reaching implications for the field.