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内容概要

The Seeds of Speech:Language Origin and Evolution Human language is a weird communication system: it has more in common with birdsong than withthe calls of other primates. Jean Aitchison explores the origins of human language and how it has evolved. She likens the search to a vast prehistoric jigsaw puzzle, in which numerous fragments of evidence must be assembled. Such evidence is pieced together from a mixture of linguistic and non-linguistic sources like evolution theory, archaeology, psychology, and anthropology. The Seeds of Speech is an accessible and wide-ranging introduction to the origins and evolution of human language.

"We must be grateful to Jean Aitchison for so very readably assembling a good deal of recent work that might seem to hint at how language began...the author goes out of her way to offer a restful read to all comers."

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