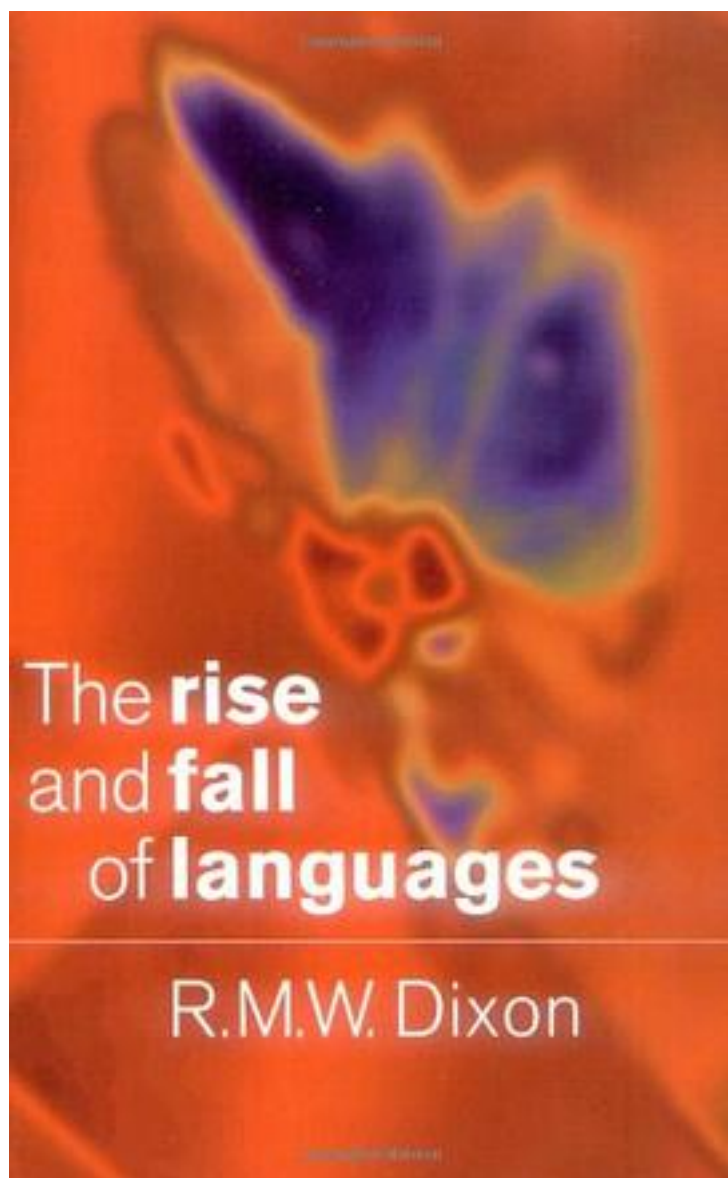


# The Rise and Fall of Languages



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This book puts forward a different approach to language change, the punctuated equilibrium model. This is based on the premise that during most of the 100,000 or more years that humans have had language, states of equilibrium have existed during which linguistic features diffused across the languages in a given area so that they gradually converged on a common prototype. From time to time, the state of equilibrium would be punctuated, with expansion and split of peoples and of languages, most recently, as a result of European colonisation and the globalisation of communication which are likely to result in the extinction, within the next hundred years, of 90% of the languages currently spoken. Professor Dixon suggests that every linguist should assume a responsibility for documenting some of these languages before they disappear.

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## 评论

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语言多样性一定会随着地缘政治的变化而衰退，优势语种也会通过经济优势和政治优势威胁着其他语言，为了保护语言，我们最需要做的就是行动起来，去记录，去倾听。我相信，信息时代，跨过巴别塔的成本，不再是语种语音，而是垂直领域的派生与特化。

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## 书评

本书可以视为迪克森对于其所提出的“裂变-聚变模式”进行论述的长篇论文，亲和易懂，并且顺便让人明确了语言学的一些基础问题，很适合作为语言学专业的参考书。迪克森在一个更广阔的空间与时间视角上，探讨了语言的产生，演化，分裂，扩散，融合乃至消亡，尽管是模型假设，但对...

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