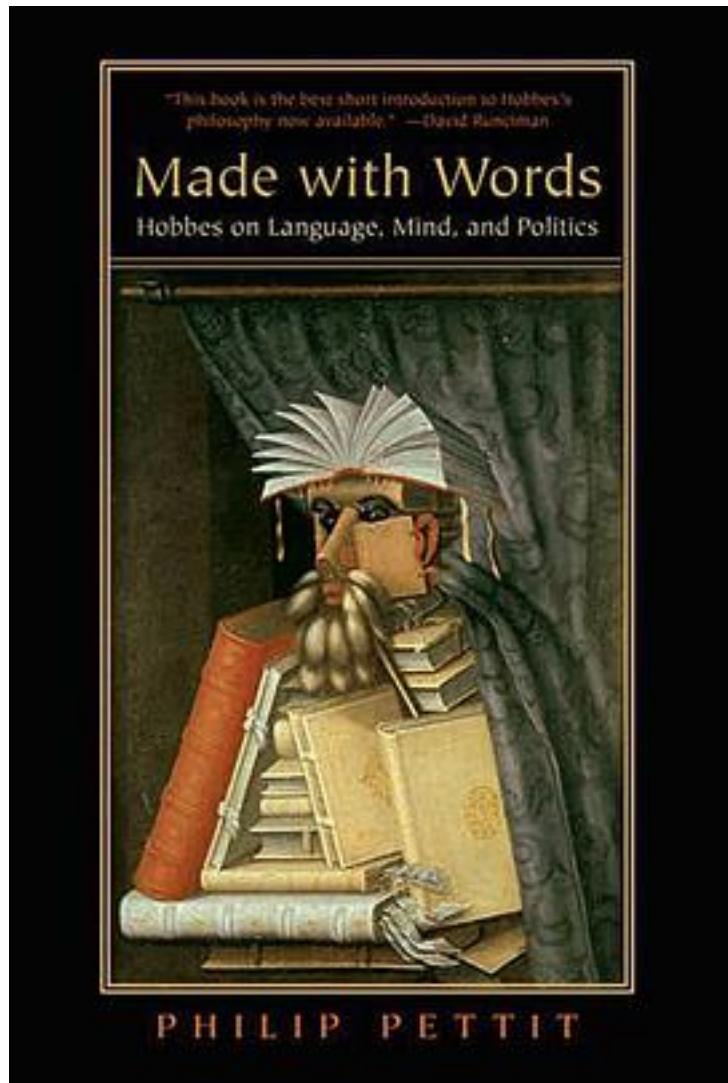


# Made with Words



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Hobbes' extreme political views have commanded so much attention that they have eclipsed his work on language and mind, and on reasoning, personhood, and group formation. But this work is of immense interest in itself, as Philip Pettit shows in "Made with Words", and it critically shapes Hobbes' political philosophy. Pettit argues that it was Hobbes, not later thinkers like Rousseau, who invented the invention of language thesis - the idea that language is a cultural innovation that transformed the human mind. The invention, in Hobbes' story, is a double-edged sword. It enables human beings to reason, commit themselves as persons, and incorporate in groups. But it also allows them to agonize about the future and about their standing relative to one another; it takes them out of the Eden of animal silence and into a life of inescapable conflict - the state of nature. Still, if language leads into this wasteland, according to Hobbes, it can also lead out. It can enable people to establish a commonwealth where the words of law and morality have a common, enforceable sense, and where people can invoke the sanctions of an absolute sovereign to give their words to one another in credible commitment and contract. Written by one of today's leading philosophers, "Made with Words" is both an original reinterpretation and a clear and lively introduction to Hobbes' thought.

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评论

太粗糙了点，有几个概括纯属作者想象，引入共和主义自由观也不如剑桥学派其他人那么细致，不过霍布斯的语言哲学本来就很模棱两可。

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书评

语词是有政治性的，因为这些话不仅可以给予人以动力，还可以给人以一定的状态，因此这就是政治的变动，政治变革都是语词变革的一个引申，因此我们就可以通过词汇的变动-我们自己-来实现政治性。

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霍布斯是天才，自然也是思想家。天才与常人最大不同在于：“先验”的理解不同。抵达思想的过程往往出于好奇，也是好玩，而非选择。霍布斯抵达的过程统称为“语言”。也是因此，在他的思想中，他认为语言是一种创造，改变了我们的心智，而非自然遗传。他顺便开创了语言的积极...

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