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Teaching Second Language Reading is part of a series designed to provide a reference source for teachers and trainers wishing to improve their practical strategies in teaching second language reading. Hudson surveys the background of second language reading while also discussing what research has to say. The book is divided into eleven chapters. In this review I will briefly describe the contents of each chapter's highlights.

In Chapter 1, the author gives an overview of important issues in second language reading as well as a synthesis of the requirements for successful reading. What were particularly used to present the complexities of the reading process. These extracts range from simple the reading of web pages and tables of contents. Also, the questions on page 12 serve as a contents.

Chapter 2, "Theories and Models of First Language Reading Processes," traces research developed to explain those processes. More specifically, Hudson succinctly explains bottom reading in the L1. His rationale for this is that "many of the concerns for SL reading have a model building" (p. 31).

Key issues and perspectives that have been used to explain SL reading and instruction in the relationship between first and second language reading abilities. The author's most notable findings in this area was extremely useful.

The focus of Chapter 4 is identifying reading skills, exploring their nature and deciding their hierarchy. In this chapter, the author attempts to define what constitutes lower-level and L2 reading research. Along the way he cautions us that reading acts and literacy events particularly liked the various taxonomies of reading skills included in this chapter, like those (1993).

As a follow-on from the previous chapter, the author in Chapter 5 explores reading strategies. The previous chapter focused on reading skills used by readers, this chapter details the role of the author begins this chapter by usefully defining key terms (skills, strategies and metacognitive literature in these areas.

The next two chapters highlight schemata and background knowledge in second language reading. This chapter discusses the role cultural schemata and background knowledge play in interpreting reading. Schemata may interact with a reader's comprehension process. More specifically, this chapter discusses how elements such as orthography, syntax, cohesion, and text structure may aid or hinder the reading process. The author explains how elements can play a role in how the reader establishes the "coherence of a particular text"

The author sees Chapter 8 as an extension of the previous chapter. In it he focuses on two contrasting rhetorical structures. This chapter examines genre and rhetorical structures and their effects both within and across languages and cultures. I found Hudson's in-depth explanation of

The most useful chapter for me as a teacher and teacher educator was Chapter 9, "Vocabulary research and how word knowledge affects reading comprehension. The author means to know a word. Subsequent chapter content includes a brief description of vocabulary

author's review of reading research on first and second language vocabulary learning help important content of this chapter: the second language vocabulary and pedagogy section. how they impact learning vocabulary, (2) using marginal glosses and whether or not they strategies used for learning vocabulary in context.

Chapter 10 explores links between reading and writing. In it, the author explains why read why they have often been taught separately. Through discussing both first and second lan concentrating on the similarities between the two skills, rather than the differences, is a m

In the final chapter, the author briefly summarizes the issues he has covered. In the next to “no magic bullet, no single explanation for what teachers can do to ensure that their stude Despite the tenor of this statement, Hudson gives hope and support for teachers in the las important about the reading process and naming the factors that must be taken into acco

The strengths of Hudson's *Teaching Second Language Reading* are numerous, the major o much of the book's content is synthesized from previous L1 and L2 research and applied t provides a unique perspective. To date, no book has provided as comprehensive a review one. Another valuable feature is the discussion and study questions at the end of each cha or as part of a graduate course, as they effectively ask readers to reflect on chapter conten

I was disappointed only by the book's lack of content on reading assessment. In all fairnes title announces. Nevertheless, given Hudson's expertise in language assessment, a chapt very much appreciated by more than this reader.

In light of its complete treatment of its topic, Thom Hudson's book is a “must read” for lar sound theory, the book is full of useful information from a historical, theoretical and pract

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