



## The Philosophy of Speech

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By George Willis

Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.A Sane Philosophy of Speech. Good sense expressed in good style makes a winning combination. This has been triumphantly attained by Mr. George Willis in his Philosophy of Speech. Beginning with a lively but clear and suggestive account of the birth of speech, he proceeds to discuss its growth, the relation of speech and thought, metaphor, grammar, purism, correct speech, and speech in education. On each of these topics he has something useful and memorable to say. On the topic of grammar he points out, for example, that the ordinary definitions employed in English grammar are, for the most part, purely artificial and often ridiculous. Of the common expression: Nouns are divided into common nouns, abstract nouns, and collective nouns, he declares, This is as though we should say that animals are divided into sea animals, land animals, American animals, and tame animals The subdivisions of a genus should be mutually exclusive; these divisions overlap in all directions. Distinctions of gender strike him as equally untrue. Greek had distinctions of gender which were really distinctions of form. English...



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