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Oxford University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Systematic Lexicography, Juri Derenick Apresjan, Kevin Windle, This book unites lexicography with theoretical linguistics. The two fields tend to ignore each other; lexicographers produce dictionaries, linguists grammars. As a result grammars and dictionaries are often discordant and sometimes glaringly incompatible. In Systematic Lexicography Juri Apresjan shows the insights linguistics has to offer lexicography, and equally that the achievements and challenges of lexicography provide a rewarding field for linguistic enquiry. The author presents the vocabulary of a language as a complicated system reflecting a specific view of the world. He does so within an integrated theory of language in which descriptions of grammatical and lexical properties of language units, and the conceptualizations underlying them, interact. Each lexeme, he argues, is a point of intersection of various lexicographic types of lexemes-classes of lexemes with shared semantic, syntactic, pragmatic, or communicative properties, that are sensitive to the same rules, and which should thus be uniformly described in the dictionary. When any lexeme is viewed against the whole set of linguistic rules, new facets emerge, and these reveal, he shows, key characteristics of words that dictionaries do not currently record. Professor Apresjan not only presents...



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