## Popular non-fiction books about languages and linguistics

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- 1. The Atoms Of Language: The Mind's Hidden Rules Of Grammar by Mark C. Baker
- 2. The Linguistics Wars by Randy Allen Harris
- 3. Through the Language Glass: Why The World Looks Different In Other Languages by Guy Deutscher
- 4. How Language Works: How Babies Babble, Words Change Meaning and Languages Live or Die by David Crystal
- 5. Linguistic Diversity in Space and Time by Johanna Nichols
- 6. The Art of Language Invention: From Horse-Lords to Dark Elves, the Words Behind World-Building by David J. Peterson
- 7. The Unfolding of Language: An Evolutionary Tour of Mankind's Greatest Invention by Guy Deutscher

## **Bonus:**

The Great Courses on Audible (audio lectures)

- Language and the Mind by Spencer D. Kelly
- Language Families of the World by John McWhorter
- The Story of Human Language by John McWhorter