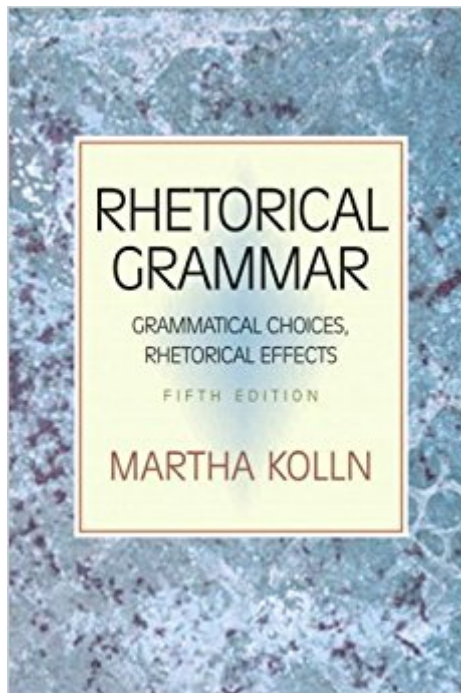




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# Rhetorical Grammar: Grammatical Choices, Rhetorical Effects (5th Edition)



## Synopsis

This detailed guide encourages writers to recognize and use the grammatical and stylistic choices available to them and to understand the rhetorical effects those choices can have on their readers.

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RHETORICAL GRAMMAR is a writer's grammar - it presents grammar as a rhetorical tool. It provides a systematic way of discussing coherence and transition, reader expectation, sentence stress and rhythm, subordination and coordination, punctuation, and other principles, and of explaining - within the context of an individual student's writing - why one phrase is &#147;awkward&#148; and another phrase &#147;a gem of precision. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I got this book (5th edition ... much cheaper than 6th) because the author is mentioned in The War Against Grammar. I'm awaiting her more basic grammar book, but plunged into this one (which arrived first). I have never had a good, technical writing course, and grew up in a time when this was not stressed. I have felt it was a weakness I needed to correct before my homeschooled son reaches middle school age. While this book is dense, it is very useful, and the exercises are interesting and well-chosen. I'd love to take this with a good teacher at the helm, but no such luck. Regardless, the book is do-able on its own, and I am very, very pleased with it. It is making me **think** about every comma and turn of phrase. I'm not "there" yet, but I feel I'm on the road with

this book. I'm about 3/4 of the way through and intend to go back and outline it to make a reference manual for myself. If you are serious about correct writing that conveys what you want it to, this is a must-have book. I've long known I didn't know how to do this, but never how much I didn't know, nor what steps to take towards correction. Now I do.

Martha Kolln's book took my teaching to a whole new level. Finally, I found a simpatico educator and academic researcher...someone who's on the same wavelength as I am. Her work bolstered my theories and ideas, and expanded them into a more complex and rich expression. I share this book with my foreign graduate students, to help them understand the core of the language and how word and grammar and syntax affect the basics of rhetorical expression. This foundation is not clear to students from other languages. I reference it a lot, and recommend it often.

Very helpful. Grammar hard but this book helps. Perfect condition

There's an old saying, that even Kings bow to grammar. What we can say from our standpoint is that every little bit helps " and we find that this book helps a lot.

Very helpful to speaking rhetorically! Thanks!

I have been too lazy to give book comments. I'm cleaning up my bookshelf to keep good ones and sell others. I read this book two years ago, which actually pulled me out of trouble with English. As an international student, I had read a lot of English grammar books. But I never found them to be as useful as this one. The book is particularly good at sentence structure. It enabled me to understand English grammar deeper and from a rhetorical view, showing me what makes a sentence good and bad with many real-life examples. I actually used this book as a reference to study the GMAT verbal before getting into an good MBA program. It's absolutely a must-have book for intermediate and advanced English learners.

Wonderful book to read and learn

If you're looking to improve your composition skills, this is a must. One of my favourites! Tons of useful advice beyond grammar: sentence structure, reader expectation, how to engage the reader, etc.

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