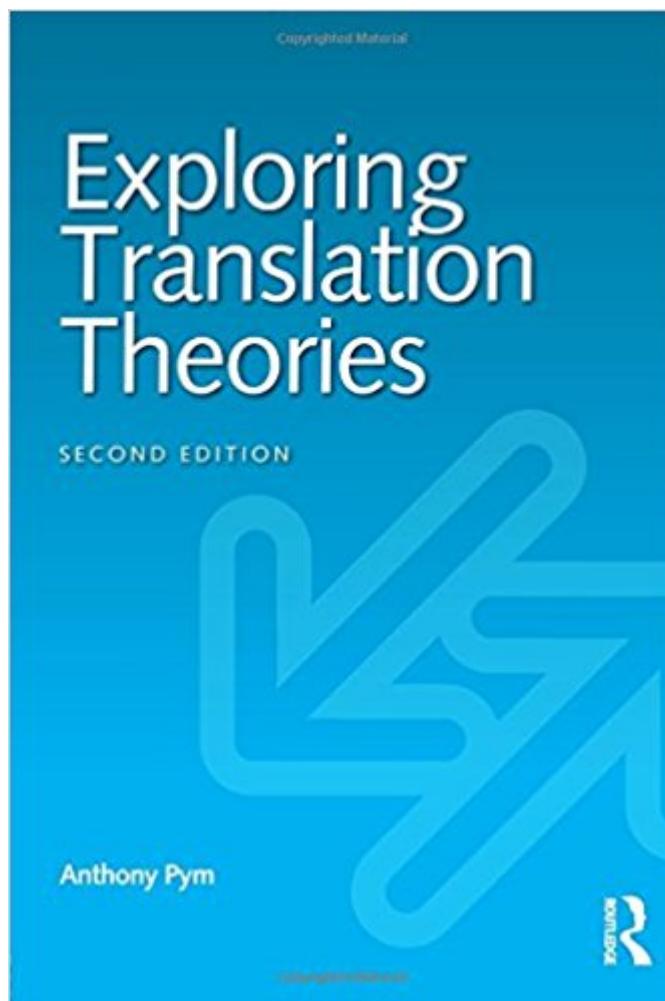


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Exploring Translation Theories presents a comprehensive analysis of the core contemporary paradigms of Western translation theory. The book covers theories of equivalence, purpose, description, uncertainty, localization, and cultural translation. This second edition adds coverage on new translation technologies, volunteer translators, non-lineal logic, mediation, Asian languages, and research on translators' cognitive processes. Readers are encouraged to explore the various theories and consider their strengths, weaknesses, and implications for translation practice. The book concludes with a survey of the way translation is used as a model in postmodern cultural studies and sociologies, extending its scope beyond traditional Western notions. Features in each chapter include: An introduction outlining the main points, key concepts and illustrative examples. Examples drawn from a range of languages, although knowledge of no language other than English is assumed. Discussion points and suggested classroom activities. A chapter summary. This comprehensive and engaging book is ideal both for self-study and as a textbook for Translation theory courses within Translation Studies, Comparative Literature and Applied Linguistics.

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Anthony is always readable and this book is no exception!Very useful and well-organized !

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Clearly written, despite the complex material. Well researched and conceived. Ideal for senior students in university or language schools with an interest in translating or linguistics. I commend above all its clarity - it shows how different theorists with different terminology have often "worried their way" around the same problems.

I have read this book through like 3 times now. It really is a "tour de force" of translation theory and takes you through what you need to know - in understandable fashion - of translation theory. I have a degree in translation from a big German university and studied a lot of applied linguistics, but after reading this book, felt like I had a new education in my field. I can't praise it enough. Very, very intelligent, readable book on translation theory. If you get one book on this subject, this is it.

This book is a must for any student in Translation Studies ( although i won't say it is a must for practicing translators who aren't interested in the theory behind the practice !). First of all , and as the writer himself mentions in the introduction, this book is a critical overview of theories in the field of translation. Having read Munday's Introducing Translation Studies I can see how this book is different in that it is not a mere survey of Translation theories ( and who has done what) but rather a critical overview of what has been done so far in the field. Theories are grouped into different paradigms, which helps deepen one's understanding of them. As a student I am familiar now with core texts and core theories in the field as well as prominent scholars and researchers. Personally , I have experienced a (paradigm shift) and many (aha!) moments, and my understanding of what constitutes a translation has been completely transformed. Highly recommended.

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