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This well-conceived and innovative volume breathes new life into LARSP, extending the number of languages to which it has now been applied to 24, with the promise of more to come. Not only does it thus make LARSP available to many more clinicians around the world, but by providing a common template for linguistic comparison it also gives added impetus to crosslinguistic research into both typical and atypical language use and development.

(Mick Perkins, University of Sheffield, UK)

This second volume of research on LARSP provides important new information on 12 Asian, European and South African languages. Each chapter offers a concise overview of that language's grammar, a synopsis of research on children's grammatical development and a language-specific profile chart. Along with a chapter providing a fresh look at LARSP stage V in English-speaking children, this unique book will be a valuable resource to clinicians and researchers. *(Thomas Klee, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)*

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