



A Primer of Phonetics (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Although the study of phonetics numbers more disciples in England than Dr. Sweet seems to think, he stands so indisputably above all other phonetists in this country that it would be almost presumptuous to comment on the great learning and accurate observation which have been lavished upon this book. Still, as Dr. Sweet has definitely stated the object of his work, we are bound to ask ourselves how far his intentions have been fulfilled. This book is intended to supply the double want of a new edition of my Handbook of Phonetics, and of a concise introduction to phonetics, with especial reference to English. Such are the words with which Dr. Sweet begins his preface. We should rather have called it an attempt to construct a practical phonetic alphabet with examples of its application to English, c. For this purpose Dr. Sweet takes Bell's system as the groundwork, and hence forms a number of more or less conventionalized symbols, to which are added diacritics quant. suff. Six pages are devoted to Introduction, which combines...



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