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Fenestra Books,US, United States, 2005. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 2nd. 226 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Children everywhere are socialized through language and socialized to use language. Everyday speech activities between young children and members of their families organize and give meaning to social relationships. They are in fact socializing activities, the basis for the transmission and reproduction of culture. In this study of language socialization among the Kaluli people of Papua New Guinea, Bambi B. Schieffelin analyzes these speech activities and links them to other social practices and symbolic forms, such as exchange systems, gender roles, sibling relationships, rituals, and myths. In Kaluli society, as in many others in Papua New Guinea, reciprocity plays a primary role in social life. In families, social relationships are constituted through giving and sharing food, a primary means of conveying sentiment. Although sharing is highly valued, children are also socialized through language to refuse to share, creating a tension in daily interactions. Issues of authority, autonomy, and interdependence are negotiated through these verbal exchanges. Schieffelin demonstrates how language plays a fundamental role in the production, meaning, and interpretation of these activities, as it is the...



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