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The English language is a complex and fascinating one, with a history that stretches back over centuries. In this comprehensive and engaging book, renowned linguist Mario Pei traces the origins of English from its Indo-European roots to its present-day status as a global language.

Pei begins by exploring the Proto-Indo-European language, the common ancestor of most of the languages spoken in Europe today. He then follows the development of English through its various stages, including Old English, Middle English, and Modern English. Along the way, he discusses the major influences that have shaped the language, including the Norman Conquest and the rise of the British Empire.

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to both scholars and general readers alike. With its wealth of information and insights, *Inventing English* is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to learn more about the fascinating story of the English language.

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Mario Pei (1901-1978) was a renowned linguist and author. He was fluent in over 30 languages and wrote over 50 books on linguistics and language teaching. Pei was a professor at Columbia University and the University of California, Berkeley, and he served as president of the Linguistic Society of America.

Reviews

"Pei's book is a classic in the field of linguistics. It is a comprehensive and engaging account of the development of the English language, written by one of the world's leading experts. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in the history of language." - **Noam Chomsky**

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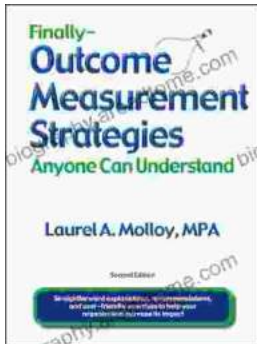
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