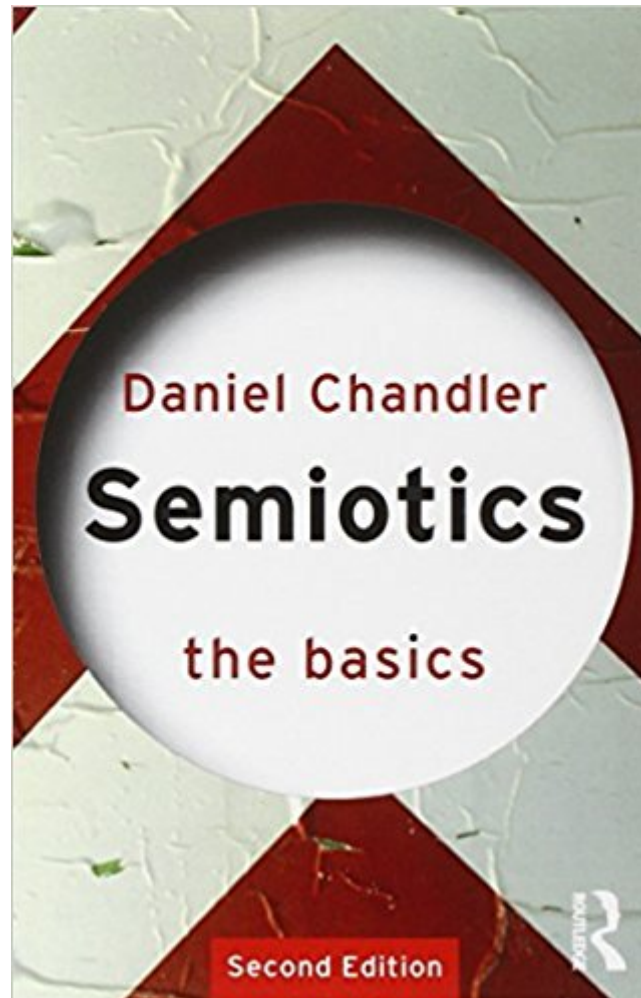




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# Semiotics: The Basics



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This updated second edition provides a clear and concise introduction to the key concepts of semiotics in accessible and jargon-free language. With a revised introduction and glossary, extended index and suggestions for further reading, this new edition provides an increased number of examples including computer and mobile phone technology, television commercials and the web. Demystifying what is a complex, highly interdisciplinary field, key questions covered include: What is a sign? Which codes do we take for granted? How can semiotics be used in textual analysis? What is a text? A highly useful, must-have resource, *Semiotics: The Basics* is the ideal introductory text for those studying this growing area.

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Professor Gregory Eiselein, Kansas State University, USA

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I have read maybe a dozen books about semiotics and I must say this is the best yet. It is both easy to understand and surprisingly comprehensive given the topic. His book is so good that I bought the second edition of the book when it came out even though its available for free online. My sister is even using this book for as part of the required readings for a graduate level university course she is teaching and I know she isn't the only professor on the faculty to do so.

A great book about the subject. Not many examples but all the theory needed. A really great reference book for all.

This was a required text for a course I am taking. The author does a good job highlighting the major contributors and movements in the study of semiotics.

Good introduction to semiotics.

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This book provides an excellent overview to the subject of semiotics. Chandler manages to bring this very large and disparate field together in one well-written book. Highly recommend it!

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