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Review

There is hardly a chapter in Practical Lexicography that would not repay reading and re-reading and re-reading. While other editors may have made somewhat different choices in selecting articles to reprint, Fontenelle has made a useful selection. In my estimation, Practical Lexicography is a volume worth having on one's bookshelf. It is also a suitable complement to handbooks of lexicography and would richly flesh out what students can find in a textbook. Edward Finegan, University of Southern California, writing for *Dictionaries: Journal of the Dictionary Society of North America* This volume contains seminal papers that are much discussed, but not always available. Geoffrey Williams, *International Journal Corpus Linguistics* (translated from French) One of the great merits of the editor is to have highlighted the demanding nature of the lexicographers intellectual activity, by writing a brilliant introduction and collecting articles which are difficult to find and undoubtedly very valuable to anyone who is interested in dictionaries and dictionary-making. Michael Zock, *TAL (Traitement Automatique du Langage)* ...fascinating reading for people like me, who feel at home on lexicographical territory. The great merit of the editor, Thierry Fontenelle, is that he compiled a reader's digest from the huge mountain of publications in congress proceedings, in magazines and in books. Rik Schutz, *Kernerman Dictionary News* (translated from French)...a carefully-selected set of texts ...which is valuable to anybody who wishes to understand lexicography and to think about the future directions of the field. Together with Atkins and Rundell's Guide, the set will be an excellent introduction to the methodology and current practice of lexicography, opening vistas onto the creation of the dictionaries of the future. Geoffrey Williams, *Revue Francaise de Linguistique Appliquee* ...this reader is a fine selection, up-to-date, well presented and documented. Reinhard Hartmann, *The International Journal of Lexicography*

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