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(**Daniel Siddiqi**, School of Linguistics and Language Studies, Carleton University)

Provocative Syntax sparkles with originality and erudition. Branigan brilliantly connects seemingly unrelated theoretical strands to weave a tight and elegant model of syntactic movement and provides theoretically unified solutions to many outstanding problems in the syntax of Germanic and Romance. Among the numerous books and papers spawned by Chomsky's Minimalist program, this book is one of the most profound I've read.

(**Ur Shlonsky**, Professor of Linguistics, University of Geneva)

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