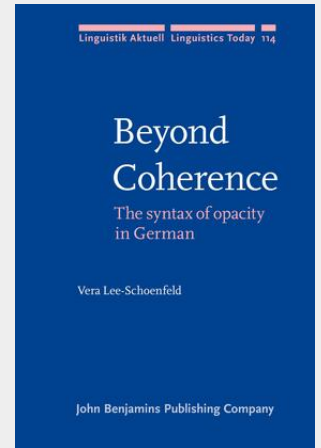


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## Beyond Coherence

The syntax of opacity in German

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