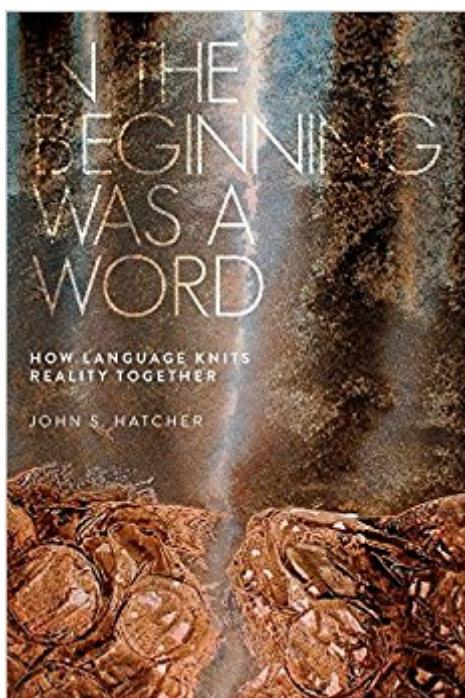


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# In The Beginning Was A Word: How Language Knits Reality Together



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