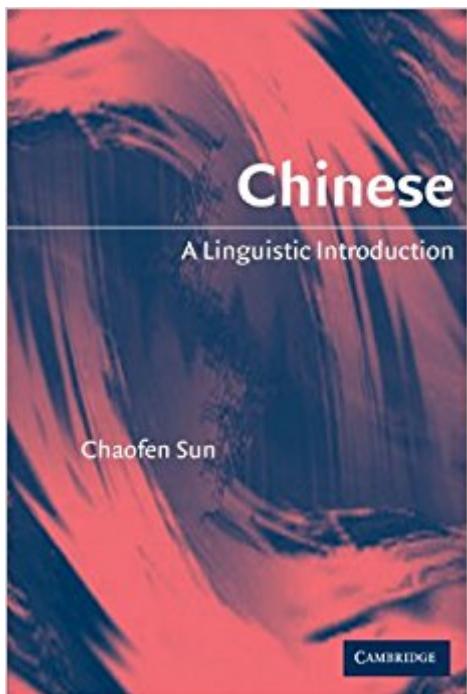


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Very good book but Kindle edition (on iPad) let down by very poor han zi rendition.

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