Ten Books of Interest

These are readable, even enjoyable books about language written in the past ten years.

Casagrande, June, *Grammar Snobs Are Great Big Meanies*, 2006
a nice list of confused terms (e.g. flout, flaunt)

Crystal, David, *A Little Book of Language*, 2010
about language development in children

a somewhat conservative view

Diamond, Jared, *The Third Chimpanzee*
an anthropologist’s view of language development

how English became English

speculative history

a natural history of language

a very important book on the nature of language

Is language innate?

a best-seller about punctuation, of all things