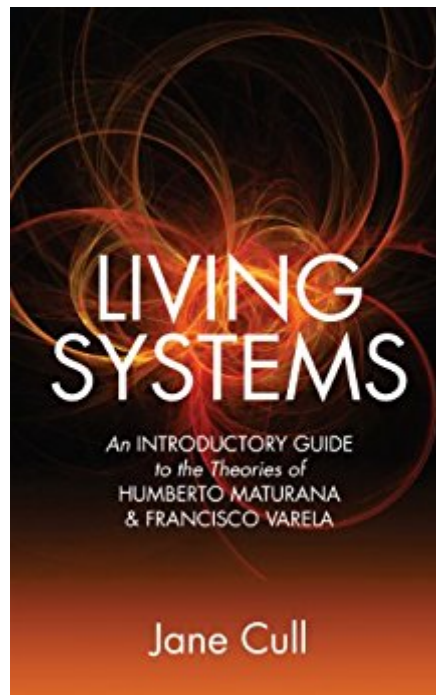


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# Living Systems: An Introductory Guide To The Theories Of Humberto Maturana & Francisco Varela



## Synopsis

Living Systems: An Introductory Guide to the Theories of Humberto Maturana and Francisco Varela, introduces the thinking of the two great Chilean biologists. Written to make their body of work more accessible for both academic and non-academic readers, topics include the ontology of the observer, the operation of living systems, living systems and the environment, the construction of worlds and the constitution of cultures (the patriarchal and an alternative, a matristic culture).

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I liked this book. It helps to understand what the perspective of Living Systems means, how it is different from the linear, mechanistic perspective. I don't think it's an introduction book to do your first swim or dive into this field.

Another well written, lucid and elegant book on the work of Humberto Maturana and Francisco Varela. A great read for anyone looking seeking harmony with the workings of our world. Extremely thorough, systematically covers the spectrum of that body of thought: The observer, how living systems function, interfacing the environment, the construction of worlds, the development of cultures, and the necessary new paradigm. Again, the only limitation of the book is the limitation of

the source theory itself.

Good summary of their work but sometimes you can feel kind of lost into the theories but it's worth the reading

A useful introduction to the writings of Maturana and Varela. Stimulate me to dig deeper into the body of their work.

Seemed to misinterpret Maturana's theory to some degree and then to politicize it.

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