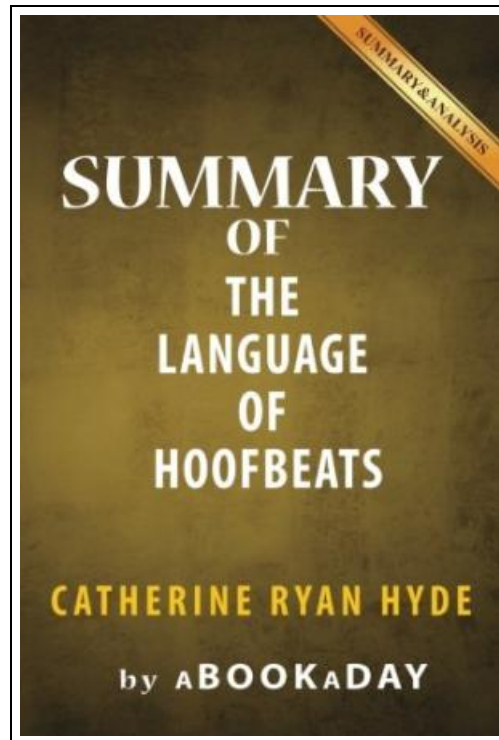# Summary of The Language of Hoofbeats: by Catherine Ryan Hyde Summary Analysis

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