STRUCTURE IN BABEL TOWER

**Q: what are the structures that illustrate
                        or even support this book?**

babbletower
bran house
snail shells
(twins)
frederica's bildungsroman
language itself… the human mind
frederica's own book, laminations

Q: how does this relate to Nietzsche? to Berlin Babylon?

Nietzsche speaks a little bit about architecture…
          he works with it and against it, like Byatt

architecture

N 57/   read passage... arch. opens way for Rausch

double bind: language destroys and creates us

committee on language and education (esp. 187-89)
          front line for building new society

193/   linguistics, chomsky
            babbletower
                    fable on letting everything loose

ultimately: we need literature for this imaginary space, so that it doesn't get acted out in real life

babbletower and nietzsche are deeply moral
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reacting against placement, frederica's placement within the family

culvert wants to go from babble to new universal language (language of love!)

--chomsky's generative grammar

--an ideal language-user could generate and understand
          new and unique grammatical sentences
                    without ever having encountered them
                            in practice

--we're hard-wired, programmed for language

--there's a deep grammar in all of us

Ontology in Nietzsche and Byatt

consider these passages

N55/   one must know who one is

N20/   reason believes in the will as an absolute cause; it believes in the "I,"… and projects its

belief in the I-substance onto all things

N21/   I'm afraid we're not rid of God bc we still believe in grammar

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