

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910450657703321
Autore	Krishnamurti Bhadriraju
Titolo	The Dravidian languages // Bhadriraju Krishnamurti [[electronic resource]]
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Cambridge : , : Cambridge University Press, , 2003
ISBN	1-316-08536-8 1-280-41780-3 0-511-17876-X 1-139-14627-0 0-511-06668-6 0-511-06037-8 0-511-33061-8 0-511-48687-1 0-511-06881-6
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (xxvii, 545 pages) : digital, PDF file(s)
Collana	Cambridge language surveys
Disciplina	494.8
Soggetti	Dravidian languages
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Title from publisher's bibliographic system (viewed on 05 Oct 2015).
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references (p. [504]-521) and indexes.
Nota di contenuto	Cover; Half-title; Series-title; Title; Copyright; Dedication; CONTENTS; ILLUSTRATIONS; TABLES; PREFACE; ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS; NOTE ON TRANSLITERATION AND SYMBOLS; ABBREVIATIONS; 1 Introduction; 2 Phonology: descriptive; 3 The writing systems of the major literary languages; 4 Phonology: historical and comparative; 5 Word formation: roots, stems, formatives, derivational suffixes and nominal compounds; 6 Nominals: nouns, pronouns, numerals and time and place adverbs; 7 The verb; 8 Adjectives, adverbs and clitics; 9 Syntax; 10 Lexicon; BIBLIOGRAPHY; INDEX OF RECONSTRUCTIONS WITH GLOSSES GENERAL INDEX
Sommario/riassunto	The Dravidian languages are spoken by over 200 million people in South Asia and in Diaspora communities around the world, and constitute the world's fifth largest language family. It consists of about 26 languages in total including Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada and Telugu,

as well as over 20 non-literary languages. In this book, Bhadriraju Krishnamurti, one of the most eminent Dravidianists of our time, provides a comprehensive study of the phonological and grammatical structure of the whole Dravidian family from different aspects. He describes its history and writing systems, discusses its structure and typology, and considers its lexicon. Distant and more recent contacts between Dravidian and other language groups are also discussed. With its comprehensive coverage this book will be welcomed by all students of Dravidian languages and will be of interest to linguists in various branches of the discipline as well as Indologists.
