

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910457749803321
Autore	Adelaar Willem F. H.
Titolo	The languages of the Andes / / Willem F.H. Adelaar with the collaboration of Pieter C. Muysken [[electronic resource]]
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Cambridge : , : Cambridge University Press, , 2004
ISBN	1-316-08461-2 1-280-51622-4 0-511-21408-1 0-511-21587-8 0-511-21050-7 0-511-32718-8 0-511-48685-5 0-511-21227-5
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (xxv, 718 pages) : digital, PDF file(s)
Collana	Cambridge language surveys
Disciplina	498
Soggetti	Indians of South America - Andes Region - 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. 625-680) and index.
Nota di contenuto	Cover; Half-title; Series-title; Title; Copyright; Contents; Tables; Maps; Preface; Orthographic Conventions; Abbreviations; 1 Introduction; 2 The Chibcha Sphere; 3 The Inca Sphere; 4 The languages of the eastern slopes; 5 The Araucanian Sphere; 6 The languages of Tierra del Fuego; 7 The Spanish presence; Appendix Inventory of languages and language families of the Andean region; References; Author Index; Index of Languages and Ethnic Groups; Subject Index
Sommario/riassunto	The Andean and Pacific regions of South America are home to a remarkable variety of languages and language families, with a range of typological differences. This linguistic diversity results from a complex historical background, comprising periods of greater communication between different peoples and languages, and periods of fragmentation and individual development. The Languages of the Andes documents in a single volume the indigenous languages spoken and formerly spoken in this linguistically rich region, as well as in adjacent areas. Grouping the languages into different cultural spheres, it describes their

characteristics in terms of language typology, language contact, and the social perspectives of present-day languages. The authors provide both historical and contemporary information, and illustrate the languages with detailed grammatical sketches. Written in a clear and accessible style, this book will be a valuable source for students and scholars of linguistics and anthropology alike.
