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Gathers articles on creole languages and their origins, by John H McWhorter, a unique and often controversial scholar in the field. This book is of interest to scholars and students of creole and pidgin studies, and linguistics more broadly.

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