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Sommario/riassunto

Irish English, also termed 'Anglo-Irish' or 'Hiberno-English', as in this book, is not usually perceived as having a grammatical system of its own. Markku Filppula here challenges this misconception and offers a descriptive and contact-linguistic account of the grammar of Hiberno-English. Drawing on a wide range of authentic materials documenting Hiberno-English dialects past and present Filppula examines: \* the most distinctive grammatical features of these dialects \* relationships with earlier and other regional varieties of English \* the continuing influence of the Irish lan

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