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creole authors gave birth to characters and enlivened settings and

situations in ways that shed light on the many sociopolitical fictions that shaped life in the anglophone Atlantic" --