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Sommario/riassunto

This collection represents an important contribution not only to creole linguistics but also to Caribbean studies and English dialectology. It contains eleven essays on the special development and present-day functions of English and Creole in the Caribbean, ranging from Central America to Guyana. Topics include the spread of English and Creole, Spanish-English contact, the reconstruction of early phonology, the semantics of syntactic markers, the impact of colonial language policies, language and class, and the speech of Rastafarians.
