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Collecting recent work by John H. McWhorter on creole languages & their origins, this volume showcases many of his novel & controversial theories, including the claim that the differences between creoles & their source languages is much more than a matter of inflection.

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