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louisiana is known for its rich complex cultural heritage but even in louisiana the question what is a creole is often answered in a number of ways in creoles of louisiana george washington cable knowledgeably addresses this question with precision and aplomb originally published in 1884 creoles of louisiana builds on earlier explorations of the lives of the white descendants of early french and spanish immigrants during the transitory post civil war period cable wrote faithful portrayals of the creoles with a pioneering ear for the dialect that earned him an acclaimed place as a leader of the local colorist movement from the early settlement of louisiana to the trials of the war between the states to the yellow fever epidemic and on to brighter skies the chapters chronicle the creoles experience in the pelican state new orleans emerges as a town carved out of the wilderness of the bayou and together city and citizens flourished

in this provocative and poignant book 500 years of culture louisiana s creole french metis people food language and culture i seek to provide my intelligent lay readers appropriate and useful scholarly resources which illustrate that a pre acadian culture of canadian and north american métis roots to which was added european african and later spanish elements combined in both upper and lower louisiana resulting in a multi ethnic but distinctly unique louisiana creole culture though reminiscent of other kindred creole cultures and people of the world of the former french empire she remains unique this unique historic but forgotten culture existed prior to the arrival of the acadians and its cultural and linguistic traditions resulted in louisiana s historic creole culture this multi ethnic culture s food ways language and social traditions were hijacked and promoted as if

it was something totally new in the 1970s and 80s and then relabeled cajun with no regard for the pre existant and dominant history and sensibilities of the non white ethnicities who were the true originators and creators of louisiana s long indigenous and pre acadian culture it is my hope to sufficiently demonstrate through this historical narrative which is both passionate and humorous how greed ignorance and commerce joined hands in relabeling louisiana s historic multi ethnic creole french and metis culture as if acadian canada was the source of this remarkable and unusual culture which remains foreign to anything in acadie informative and well researched i submit to you the reading and caring public this revision which is also a much more readable better edited and supplemented text in this book for example a badly needed chapter on the cultural relationship between louisiana creole and haitian creole culture is provided and will prove to be a great source of help in avoiding needless confusion of these two separate but kindred cultures though small this little book will no doubt prove to be a powerhouse of jaw dropping facts as it is an uproariously humorous expose of one of the most popular cultural forces in america and across the planet today and notwithstanding our best efforts sometimes typographical errors and misses occur for whatever imperfections of text remain i take full responsibility as i also apologize to you dear reader

a comprehensive treatment of linguistic situation of francophone louisiana and its relation to the development of french in north america outside of quebec this title covers topics ranging from language shift and code mixing and speaker attitudes to such language planning initiatives as codofil program to revive the sue of french in louisiana pub desc

who are the creoles the answer is not clear cut of european african or caribbean mixed descent they are a people of color and francophone dialect native to south louisiana and though their history dates from the late 1600s they have been sorely neglected in the literature creole is a project that both defines and celebrates this ethnic identity in fifteen essays writers intimately involved with their subject explore the vibrant yet understudied culture of the creole people across time their language literature religion art food music folklore professions customs and social barriers

this book examines the cultural social and historical affinities between the francophone caribbean and the american south considering figures as diverse as barack obama frantz fanon miles davis james brown edouard glissant william faulkner maryse condé and lafcadio hearn

selected as an outstanding academic title by choice selected as an outstanding reference source by the reference and user services association of the american library association there are many anthologies of southern literature but this is the first companion neither a survey of masterpieces nor a biographical sourcebook the companion to southern literature treats every conceivable topic found in southern writing from the pre columbian era to the present referencing specific works of all periods and genres top scholars in their fields offer original definitions and examples of the concepts they know best identifying the themes burning issues historical personalities beloved icons and common or uncommon stereotypes that have shaped the most significant regional literature in memory read the copious offerings straight through in alphabetical order ancestor worship blue collar literature caves or skip randomly at whim guilt the grotesque william jefferson clinton whatever approach you take the companion s authority scope and variety in tone and interpretation will prove a boon and a delight explored here are literary embodiments of the old south new south solid south savage south lazy south and sahara of the bozart as up to date as grit lit k mart fiction and postmodernism and as old fashioned as puritanism mules and the tall tale these five hundred entries span a reach from lady to lesbian literature the volume includes an overview of every southern state s belletristic heritage

while making it clear that the southern mind extends beyond geographical boundaries to form an essential component of the american psyche the south s lavishly rich literature provides the best means of understanding the region s deepest nature and the companion to southern literature will be an invaluable tool for those who take on that exciting challenge description of contents 500 lively succinct articles on topics ranging from abolition to yoknapatawpha 250 contributors including scholars writers and poets 2 tables of contents alphabetical and subject and a complete index a separate bibliography for most entries

the literature often considered the most american is rooted not only in european and western culture but also in african and american creole cultures keith cartwright places the literary texts of such noted authors as george washington cable w e b dubois alex haley zora neale hurston ralph ellison william faulkner joel chandler harris herman melville toni morrison and many others in the context of the history spiritual traditions folklore music linguistics and politics out of which they were written cartwright grounds his study of american writings in texts from the senegambian

a profound study of the nebulous creoles domínguez s use of original sources is scholarship at its best her study is fascinating thought provoking controversial and without a doubt one of the most objective analyses of creole louisiana her emphasis on social stratification and her excellent integration of ethnic and racial classification of creoles with legal and social dynamics and individual choice of ethnic identity elucidates strikingly the continuing controversy of who and what is a louisiana creole journal of american ethnic history domínguez s most important contribution lies in her conceptualization of the problem of identity she treats ethnic identity as something that can change over time warning us against imposing current meanings on the past and requiring us to consider evidence of how terms were actually used in the past it is hard to imagine a frame of reference more ideally suited to historical analysis louisiana history a valuable interdisciplinary examination of the processes of racial definition in louisiana s history her study combines the anthropologist s sensitivity to language and self definition within a community with a skillful exploitation of historical sources law and society i highly recommend this book to all persons interested in social stratification alvin l bertrand contemporary sociology a vivid and insightful reading of the historical circumstances that have shaped definitions of creoles within louisiana law and society journal of southern history a profound study of the nebulous creoles domínguez s use of original sources is scholarship at its best her study is fascinating thought provoking controversial and without a doubt one of the most objective analyses of creole louisiana her emphasis on social stratification and her excellent integration of ethnic and racial classification of creoles with legal and social dynamics and individual choice of ethnic identity elucidates strikingly the continuing controversy of who and what is a louisiana creole journal of american ethnic history domínguez s most important contribution lies in her conceptualization of the problem of identity she treats ethnic identity as something that can change over time warning us against imposing current meanings on the past and requiring us to consider evidence of how terms were actually used in the past it is hard to imagine a frame of reference more ideally suited to historical analysis louisiana history a valuable interdisciplinary examination of the processes of racial definition in louisiana s history her study combines the anthropologist s sensitivity to language and self definition within a community with a skillful exploitation of historical sources law and society i highly recommend this book to all persons interested in social stratification alvin l bertrand contemporary sociology a vivid and insightful reading of the historical circumstances that have shaped definitions of creoles within louisiana law and society journal of southern history

*louisiana creoles* examines the recent efforts of the louisiana creole heritage center to document and preserve the distinct ethnic heritage of this unique american population. dr. andrew jolivette uses sociological inquiry to analyze the factors that influence ethnic and racial identity formation and community construction among creoles of color living in and out of the state of louisiana by including the voices of contemporary creole organizations, preservationists, and grassroots organizers. jolivette offers a comprehensive and insightful exploration of the ways in which history has impacted the ability of creoles to self-define their own community in political, social, and legal contexts. this book raises important questions concerning the process of cultural formation and the politics of ethnic categories for multiracial communities in the united states. in the aftermath of hurricane katrina, the themes found throughout *louisiana creoles* are especially relevant for students of sociology and those interested in identity issues.

adapted from a larger work, *speaking in tongues: louisiana's colonial french, creole, cajun languages tell their story*, reveals louisiana's remarkable old world french, metis language traditions which continue to enchant america and scholars in all the world. but along with the fame, cajunization has brought the state historical distortion and misinformation fostered by mass marketing and media conditioning. myopia have suppressed and misrepresented louisiana's historic french languages, cultural history, and people as if uniquely acadian in origin. but louisiana's diverse multi-ethnic french languages, cultural traditions, and people existed long before the arrival of the acadians, who themselves were to become its beneficiaries. author scholars john lafleur, brian costello, native speakers respectively of louisiana's colonial creole french, her sister tongue of louisiana afro-creole, with dr. ina fandrich, provide a non-commercially scripted first-time study of both the history and ethnological origins of louisiana's diverse french-speaking peoples of the french triangle, and present the unvarnished results of their investigation. experience along with the evidence of modern and historical scholarship as seen through the franco and creolophonic traditions of louisiana. a must-read for all louisiana cultural and linguistic aficionados.

the first serious historical examination of a distinctive multiracial society of louisiana

in recent years, ethnographers have recognized south louisiana as home to perhaps the most complex rural society in north america. more than a dozen french-speaking immigrant groups have been identified there, cajuns and white creoles being the most famous. in this guide to the amazing social, cultural, and linguistic variation within louisiana's french-speaking region, carl a. brasseaux presents an overview of the origins and evolution of all the francophone communities. brasseaux examines the impact of french immigration on louisiana over the past three centuries. he shows how this once undesirable outpost of the french empire became colonized by individuals ranging from criminals to entrepreneurs who went on to form a multifaceted society, one that unlike other american melting pots rests upon a french cultural foundation. a prolific author and expert on the region, brasseaux offers readers an entertaining history of how these diverse peoples created south louisiana's famous vibrant culture, interacting with african americans, spaniards, and protestant anglos, and encountering influences from southern plantation life and the caribbean. he explores in detail three still-cohesive components in the francophone melting pot, each one famous for having retained a distinct identity: the creole communities, both black and white; the cajun people; and the state's largest concentration of french speakers, the houma tribe. a product of thirty years' research, *french cajun creole houma* provides a reliable and understandable guide to the ethnic roots of a region long popular as an international tourist attraction.

just below south is the first book to examine the u.s. south and the caribbean as a regional

interculture shaped by performance as a space defined not so much by a shared set of geographical boundaries or by a single common culture as by the weave of performances and identities moving across and throughout it by offering fresh ways for thinking about region language and performance the volume helps to reimagine the possibilities for american studies it advances beyond current analyses of historical or literary commonalities between the south and the caribbean to explore startling and significant connections between a range of performances including trinidadian carnival civil war reenactments the martinican dance form kalenda dramatic adaptations of uncle tom s cabin rituals of spirit possession the teaching of haitian kreyòl the translation of louisiana creole and the imaginative travels of southern and caribbean writers while generating textual conversations among scholars of francophone anglophone and hispanophone literature and culture and forging innovative ties between cultural studies performance studies linguistics literary analysis and studies of the african diaspora these essays raise provocative new questions about race ethnicity gender class and nationality contributorsjessica adams university of california berkeley carolyn vellenga berman the new school anne malena university of alberta cécile accilien columbus state university georgia don e walicek university of puerto rico río piedras julian gerstin san jose state university rawle gibbons university of the west indies st augustine kathleen m gough university of glasgow shirley toland dix university of south florida tampa michael p bibler university of mary washington jana evans braziel university of cincinnati

cajun cultures in perspective louisiana s colorful past has shaped the state s culturally diverse present its territory has had numerous claimants the first was explorer hernando de soto on behalf of spain in 1541 followed by robert de la salle of france and even the short lived republic of west florida before it became the 18th state to join the union in 1812 at the start of the civil war louisiana became an independent republic for two weeks after seceding from the union before joining the confederacy

this important reference work has been compiled from existing written sources dating back to 1850 and from material collected in bayou teche the german coast pointe coupee and st tammany parish the dictionary features an informative user s guide including details on orthography and the design of the dictionary articles a grammatical sketch of the language a guide to variant pronunciations english and french meaning equivalents creole contextual examples identification of where examples were collected with special notation for historical items i e pre 1960 two indexes a french creole index and an english creole index and rich cultural information with many examples of folklore traditional medicine religious beliefs and agricultural practices

american folklife is steeped in world cultures or invented as new culture always evolving yet often practiced as it was created many years or even centuries ago this fascinating encyclopedia explores the rich and varied cultural traditions of folklife in america from barn raisings to the internet tattoos and zydeco through expressions that include ritual custom crafts architecture food clothing and art featuring more than 350 a z entries encyclopedia of american folklife is wide ranging and inclusive entries cover major cities and urban centers new and established immigrant groups as well as native americans american territories such as guam and samoa major issues such as education and intellectual property and expressions of material culture such as homes dress food and crafts this encyclopedia covers notable folklife areas as well as general regional categories it addresses religious groups reflecting diversity within groups such as the amish and the jews age groups both old age and youth gangs and contemporary folk groups skateboarders and psychobillies placing all of them in the vivid tapestry of folklife in america in addition this resource offers useful insights on folklife concepts through entries such as community and group and tradition and culture the set also features complete

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