

# The Structure of Creole Words

## Segmental, Syllabic and Morphological Aspects

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The volume brings together articles that are focused on segmental, syllabic and morphological aspects of Creole words, thus contributing to the ongoing debates about the nature of phonology and morphology and their role in emergence and development of these languages. The papers cover a wide range of Creole languages with different lexifier languages and address empirical, typological, historical and theoretical issues, drawing our attention to hitherto unknown phenomena or offering interesting new analyses of established facts.

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