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Von John H. McWhorter : Defining Creole before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Defining Creole:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Artikelsammlung als (Basis-)Referenzwerk der Kreolistik Von Rico All diejenigen, die sich mit der Kreolistik - oder allgemeiner mit dem Sprachkontakt (language contact) - auseinandersetzen (wollen), den sei dieses vorliegende 'Dossier' wärmstens ans Herz gelegt. Es handelt sich in erster Linie um eine Sammlung akademischer Texte des Linguisten McWhorter bis ins 21. Jahrhundert, welche sich mit dem Thema 'Kreolsprachen' auseinandersetzt. John H. McWhorter, einer der führenden Köpfe hinsichtlich der Kreolforschung unserer Tage, nimmt den Leser (Zielgruppe: Forscher) mit auf eine Reise in eine außerordentlich verwinkelte sprachwissenschaftliche Gedankenwelt der Spitzenklasse. Ausgehend von der Frage, was 'Kreol' eigentlich bezeichnen soll, führt der amerikanische Linguist seinen Leser ein in die verschiedenen morphosyntaktischen Nuancen der kreolischen Sprachsysteme, um fortwährend bestimmte Merkmale zu

analysieren und sie in Relation zu setzen. Die Folge sind einige interessante Ansatzpunkte, deren Reichweite wohl bislang noch nicht ausgereizt worden ist. Um nur ein Beispiel zu nennen: Lange Zeit gab es eine Diskussion um die Frage, ob kreolische Sprachsysteme einen eigenen Typus Sprache darstellen, d.h. lieen sie sich irgendwie einheitlich von anderen Sprachen der Welt in ihrem "Inneren" abgrenzen? Bereits im ersten Kapitel (verffentlicht 1998) liefert(e) McWhorter dahingehend einen erstaunlichen Beitrag und zeigte auf, dass es tatschlich einen Prototypen 'Kreolsprache' gibt, deren einheitliche Sturkturmerkmale allesamt zum regen Forschen angeregt haben; und es gibt noch sehr viel, was WIR heute noch nicht verstehen... Lassen sich die von McWhorter aufgefhrten Charakteristika wiederum mit der Bioprogrammhypothese Derek Bickertons (1981) in Zusammenhang bringen, sodass auch die Psycholinguistik (v.a. Spracherwerb, Aphasien) strker mit eingebunden werden muss, um eventuell schlielich dem Ursprung der menschlichen Sprache auf die Spur kommen zu knnen und fr die Kreolsprachenausdifferenzierung und deren 'Wie/Warum' eine "Lsung" zu finden? Alles in Allem kann man feststellen, dass das vorliegende Buch den hchsten Ansprchen linguistischer Forschung gengt, ABER ein umfassendes Vorwissen hinsichtlich der Kreolistik/des Sprachkontaktes im Allgemeinen ist unvermeidlich!! Nichtsdestotrotz hat dieses Werk bereits schon einen Platz direkt neben dem Referenzwerk "Pidgin and Creoles I/II" (1988) von John Holm verdient...

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