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**Haitian Creole Maintenance  
In The Greater Chicago Area**

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**HAITIAN CREOLE  
MAINTENANCE  
IN THE GREATER  
CHICAGO AREA**

This book examines the question of language maintenance and transmission by Haitian immigrants in the greater Chicago area based on fieldwork conducted there for almost two years. Essentially, it addresses three main questions into which a few others are embedded: (1) Have the Haitian immigrants living in the greater Chicago area been able to successfully maintain Haitian Creole without shifting to English? (2) If so, how have they managed? And (3), if they have not been as successful, what have been the causes?

This volume answers these and the related questions unambiguously and considers the theoretical implications of the findings. Specifically, the analysis of the data, that were collected via several instruments including a questionnaire and selected follow-up interviews, showed that the Haitian immigrants have, to some extent, successfully maintained Haitian Creole through the second generation and to a limited extent the third generation.

They have achieved these results through a combination of language and cultural maintenance strategies including: the use of Haitian Creole in the family domain; participation in the church for religious and community-wide interactional purposes; engaging themselves in social gatherings to mark special events such as celebrations of Haitian historical dates (i.e., Independence Day, Flag Day, etc.); and tuning into radio or TV programs that are broadcast in Haitian Creole.

*...This is the first comprehensive research of this sort based on sociolinguistic data obtained from a large questionnaire, qualitative data analysis, contexts of use of Haitian Creole...*

*Dr. Hugues Saint-Fort, retired CUNY Professor*



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