

REVIEWS

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AUER, Peter, Frans HINSKENS & Paul KERSWILL (2006) *Dialect Change. Convergence and Divergence in European Languages*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 444.

This book is a collection of thirteen articles which deal with the internal and external influences that affect dialect divergence and dialect convergence in European languages with well-established written and oral standards. Each chapter is based on original research and provides an overview of a particular issue. Moreover, it presents case studies to illustrate points raised. The articles offer a rich bibliography of dialect research sources for further reading.

DÁVILA, Barsal & Blas PÉREZ (2006) *Apuntes del dialecto calo o gitano puro* (reproduction of the facsimile: Madrid; Diana Artes Gráficas, 1943), Valladolid: Maxtor, 174.

The book by Dávila and Blas reproduces the facsimile of the original work which has the same title (Ed. Diana Artes Gráficas, Madrid, 1943). This book contains different proverbs, songs, curses, prayers, etc. from gipsies. Moreover, it includes an interesting dictionary Spanish/ Gipsy slang.

FAUSTO, Vicent (2006) *Lèxic vila-realenc en perill d'extinció*, València: Brosquil, 191.

The author collects words and idioms from eldest population of Valencia. However, the vocabulary collected in this book is not exclusive of this area. It has some elements common to other Catalan dialects. However, in general, lots of these words and idioms are not already frequent among younger people: only a few eldest people use them. For this reason this book is interesting: it will be a good memory of the vocabulary losing from day by day.

MAS i MIRALLES, Antoni (2006) *La interrupció lingüística a Guardamar*, Sant Vicent del Raspeig: Servei de Publicacions de la Universitat d'Alacant, 231.

This book is about linguistic intergenerational interruption as a part of the linguistic substitution process. The author explains that the phenomena started around the mid-nineteenth century in the town of Alacant and it extended progressively. Mas writes about diglossic contexts and linguistic problems derived of it.

MONTERO CURIEL, Pilar (2006) *El extremeño*, Madrid: Arco Libros S. A., 96.

This book, which contains six structured and didactic chapters, summarizes the way of speaking of the Spanish provinces of Cáceres and Badajoz. Montero has written this work not only for students and teachers of Secondary Level Education but also for University pupils and professors. Basically, *El extremeño* deals with different linguistic features (phonetics, morphosyntax and lexical). The book includes explanations for historical aspects and several linguistic influences over this way of speaking. This work also has practical exercises.

MONTREUIL, Jean Pierre Y. (ed.) (2006) *New Perspectives on Romance Linguistics: Phonetics, Phonology and Dialectology: v. 2 (Current Issues in Linguistic Theory)*, Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benamins Publishing CO, 213.

This is the second of two volumes emanating from the *Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages* held at the University of Texas at Austin in February 2005. It includes eleven contributions by reputed scholars on topics ranging from phonetics, phonology, morphophonology, dialectology, sociolinguistics, and language variation. Each aspect is dealt with modern theoretical studies (Optimality Theory, dialectometric studies, etc.).

UPTON, Clive & JDA WIDDOWSON (2006) *An Atlas of English Dialects*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2nd ed., 224.

The book is based on the findings of the Survey of English Dialects (SED), the most extensive record of English regional speech in the mid-twentieth century. It consists of ninety maps with exhaustive commentaries which explains points of linguistic, historical, and cultural interest and discusses the distribution of words and pronunciations in England.

TRUDGILL, Peter (2006) *New-Dialect Formation: The Inevitability of Colonial Englishes* (paperback), Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, New Ed Edition, 201.

Peter Trudgill presents a controversial theory about dialect contact and the formation of new colonial dialects, examining Latin American Spanish, Canadian French, and North American English, with a special focus on Australian, South African, and New Zealand English. This book emphasizes the notion of predictability and the role of children.

VENY, Joan (2006) *Contactes i contrast de llengües i dialects*, València: Publicacions de la Universitat de València, 272.

Any language is isolated. Therefore, the contact between different languages or dialects is very common. Veny's work studies how Catalan is influenced by other languages, like Spanish, Occitan or *Aragonès*. Veny focuses on one of the most essential cause of the renewal of the Catalan language's system: the contacts. He compares Catalan with other languages or dialects because its results are very important in Historical Linguistics or General Linguistics.