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## **Endorsement**

*Diana Eades has contributed extensively as an academic to the field of sociolinguistics...Her work covers many areas such as contentious legal cases involving Aboriginal people where she has been called as an expert witness — Jeanie Bell, Aboriginal linguist*

## **Blurb**

This new collection by Professor Diana Eades addresses the way non-traditional language Aboriginal speakers of English use and speak English.

Here she draws together some of her best writing over the past thirty years. Older chapters are brought up to date with contemporary reflections, informed by her many years' experience in research and teaching as well as the practical applications of her scholarly work.

The introduction includes an overview about Aboriginal ways of speaking English and the implications for both education and the law, as well as discussing the use of the term 'Aboriginal English'. The book includes implications for the legal process, especially the criminal justice system.

To understand Aboriginal ways of speaking English leads to be better understanding Aboriginal identity, a better engagement in intercultural communication, and learning about the complexities of how English is used by and with Aboriginal people in the legal process.

*Aboriginal Ways of Using English* is invaluable reading for university undergraduates in a range of disciplines but also postgraduate courses where there's little information available. Educated readers and students with or without a linguistics background will find the book accessible.