

## THE STRUGGLE FOR LEGITIMACY

### Indigenized Englishes in Settler Schools

Andrea Sterzuk (University of Regina)

#### Review

*Drawing on postcolonial and critical race theory, Sterzuk moves us beyond the typical linguistic and pedagogical responses to English language variation. In a cogently written, accessible style, she argues for an honest reckoning with colonial discourses and racialized identities to confront biased educational practices. A tour de force in anti-racist education.*

Shondel Nero, New York University, USA

*Sterzuk's many-layered but extremely accessible writing reflects a depth of scholarship and reflection on what it means to teach and learn in "white settler" environments. Skilfully combining an exhaustive analysis of the literature with lively anecdotes from real classroom data, Sterzuk presents a convincing case for immediate and radical change in the ways we educate Indigenous students and those who teach them. There is no-one working in language education – first or second – to whom I would not recommend this book.*

Mela Sarkar, McGill University, Canada

#### Description

This book examines experiences of Indigenous students in settler schools by using the example of a Canadian school as a window onto the relationship between colonial discourses; indigenized English language varieties; racialized identities; and biased educational practices of settler schools.

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