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The chapters of this volume are intended to offer a representative cross-section of current research on the languages of Ireland, specifically Irish and English with Ulster Scots a significant addition to the latter. The chapters span a considerable range. Those dealing with Irish concern themselves with the history of the language and the classification of Irish, with the acquisition of Irish as a first language and with the syntactic and lexical structure of present-day Irish. The chapters with English as their focus encompass matters such as the use of limited databases for linguistic analysis, questions of language contact, the comparison of Irish English with other varieties, the issue of standard Irish English and the position of Ulster Scots in present-day Ireland.

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