

Explorations in  
Language Study



M.A.K. HALLIDAY

**EXPLORATIONS  
IN THE  
FUNCTIONS OF  
LANGUAGE**

# Contents

	Page
General Introduction	3
Introduction	7
1 Relevant models of language	9
2 The functional basis of language	22
3 Language in a social perspective	48
4 Towards a sociological semantics	72
5 Linguistic function and literary style: an inquiry into the language of William Golding's <i>The Inheritors</i>	103