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who were the driving force behind these changes; and demonstrates how historical linguists can make use of social and demographic history to analyse linguistic variation over an extended period of time. With brand new chapters on language change and the individual, and on newly developed sociolinguistic researchmethods, *Historical Sociolinguistics* is essential reading for all students and researchers in this area.

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