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Mobile communication has an increasing impact on people's lives and society. Ubiquitous media influence the way users relate to their surroundings, and data services like text and pictures lead to a culture shaped by thumbs. Representing several years of research into the social and cultural effects of mobile phone use, this volume assembles the fascinating approaches and new insights of leading scientists and practitioners. The book contains the results of a first international survey on the social consequences of mobile phones. It provides a comprehensive inventory of today's issues and an outlook in mobile media, society and their future study.

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»The editors of this volume do a superb job of coalescing the writing styles of many diverse scholars. The language flows smoothly and richly elaborates one's understanding through timely and interesting examples.«

»In fact, the book is engaging, readable and above all very interesting, spanning aspects of 'thumb culture' from 'the social and economic implications of mobile telephony in Rwanda' to 'Technological change and teenage life'. [T]here is a clear sense throughout the book that mobile phones have indeed come to mean a great deal for society, and that understanding this relationship is critical for understanding how we view current social attitudes towards progress, communication and co-operation.«

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