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perspective' to fully understand the fundamental role that dogs have played in our past. When, where, how and why were dogs domesticated? What is their story? What was their role in the history of humankind? What is their role in traditional and non-traditional societies today? The book originated from the conference 'Dogs, Past and Present - an Interdisciplinary Perspective' held at CNR (National Scientific Council) and at Sapienza University in Rome (14-17 November 2018), promoted by the Italian Association for Ethnoarchaeology and organised by the editors.</p>