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| Sommario/riassunto      | This study is devoted to a corpus of Old Russian letters, written on<br>pieces of birchbark. These unique texts from Novgorod and<br>surroundings give us an exceptional impression of everyday life in<br>medieval Russian society. In this study, the birchbark letters are<br>addressed from a pragmatic angle. Linguistic parameters are identified<br>that shed light on the degree to which literacy had gained ground in<br>communicative processes. It is demonstrated that the birchbark letters<br>occupy an intermediate position between orality and literacy. On the<br>one hand, oral habits of communication persisted, as reflected in how<br>the birchbark letters are phrased; on the other hand, literate modes of<br>expression emerged, as seen in the development of normative<br>conventions and literate formulae. |

