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Multiple perspectives on both traditional and emerging aspects of grandparenthood are brought together in this volume. These perspectives are drawn from a variety of disciplines and professions in order to encourage communication and interaction between scholars, researchers, and practitioners within a community. Grandparenthood provides these professionals with an insight into intergenerational needs, and has significant implications for any new community programmes working to improve the well-being of families.

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