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This book is primarily aimed at philologists and historians of the Ancient Near East (Assyriologists), above all specialists of the period ca. 1400–100 BCE. It may also be relevant to a wider audience of historians of Hellenistic cultural history.

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