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"*The New Urban Sociology* shows students that there are different ways of understanding cities, such as the structural conditions and larger forces behind how urban problems and inequalities arise. Most texts on urban sociology provide definitions on the basic vocabulary that scholars of cities use, a potted history of the field, and examples of research in chapters themed on key topics in the discipline. *The New Urban Sociology* goes beyond this standard to put forth a novel 'sociospatial' approach to understanding cities and metropolitan regions. Drawing from a broad array of research on cities from around the world, they offer a clear, space-based perspective and hold it up against several other urban theories in an engaging manner that will bring students into the conversation of city growth and life from the outset."

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